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Tomorrow...

an invitation from now

Laura,
It's my pleasure to be the first to write on this page. I wish you all the luck in this incredible world. I'm sorry for picking on you so much! Stay cosmic

Emily Johnson

To Laura,
Hi! I mean, like we had a lot of good vibes this year. No Reggae. Stay far out and cosmos.
Luke Aunt Mae
spaced out

Don Laura,
It's a sweet girl
I met in gym
have a good summer
and keep in touch!
and "Good Luck" with
the guys. Love ya

Laura,
To a very nice girl
who we really will
miss kidding around
with until after Christmas.
I mean. The Tigers started
to win the World and
you'll see.
Eileen
'79

To Laura
Do someone
(very well but
is just sweet
Have an
excellent summer
Nancy Hicks
'79

Laura,
Thanks for your
help in French and
Contemporary Literature
this year. Have a great
summer and keep in touch!
Love,
Kelly Katak

To Laura,
Have a nice
summer. It's a lot, see
you next year. Good
luck with the guys
Kevin Neill '79
P.S. Enjoy your
Senior year

To Laura
Lots of luck
Mrs. Butterfield

ama.
ven though you'll
ever be able to
peak French like me,
nobody can) all always
be borrowing paper and
pencil from you.

Love
Linda

Laura,
I'm very glad
I got to know
you and I hope
you'll be the same
next year and always.
Please be patient with
me at times. I hope I'll
see you in the Summer
Good Luck

Helen
Pappas

Laura, you've been a wonderful student and person in the future.
M. Hays

Laura
I hope to see
you next year
in German II

Love
Al Mortensen
(MAX)

Dear Laura,
Have a nice summer
and don't work too hard.
Stay cool and keep
it up.
Love,
Chris

Laura
Have a nice summer
Love
Tara

Laura,
I'm sorry I didn't get to know you better this year. I hope you have a nice summer. Maybe we'll have some classes together next year. Have a nice summer.
Love
Tara

Laura
Have a nice summer
Love
Tara

Laura
Have a nice summer
Love
Tara

Laura
Have a nice summer

Laura,
you need practice
on jungle noises + barnyard
sound (our class). Have a nice
summer. See ya next year in even
crazier German II.
(pg. 172) Stefan

Ma chère Laure
C'était un grand plaisir
de vous avoir en classe.
Je te vous verrai l'année
prochaine et prochaine.
Sincèrement
Barbara Beutler

To Erica
Take care always.
Love Johanne.

Laura,
Hi. Never forget all the
super terrific times we've
had like "Jinsy" and his
fin-feet, ways to get
Joann to notice me
(writing a note on a basketball,
Hot Lips & Donald, etc.),
Mr. Winkleplack and his
"off the beam", Randy and
Dear Darling Alison, And
OF COURSE, LES, ERIC, DEREK,
& WOODY, THE BAY CITY
ROLLERS!!! Well, All I can
say is, this year has been
great and I hope we have
many, many more fun times
like these. Good Luck always.
Love Class
of
Vicki "80"
forever!

Laura,
Even if I don't know you
so well, I think you're a very
nice person. I wish you the
best of luck. Stay the way
you are. Have a nice summer.
And teach Helen some
French. Ha! Ha! Ha!
Love
Peggy Pappas

Laura, = Laura
I'm sure you'll have a great
year and keep your pep and
personality. Have a nice summer.
Love = Bruce
Bruce

Dear Laura
Erica & Karen
Sandy Myers

Laura Mitchell

Achievement is the sustenance of self-satisfaction. Along with Karen Hietala, Lori Engel and Teresa Flanigan, the sophomore class expresses their winning spirit.

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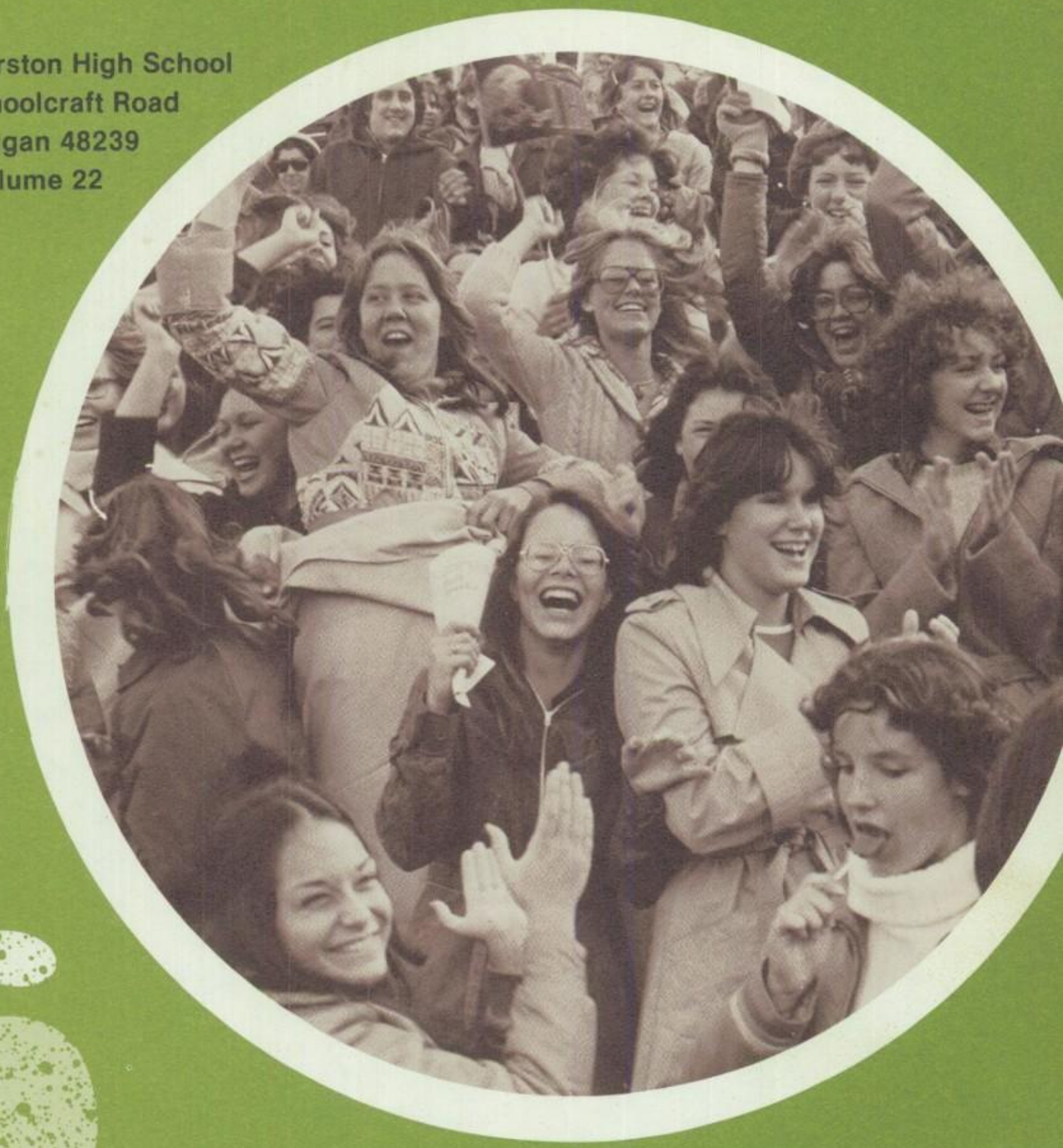

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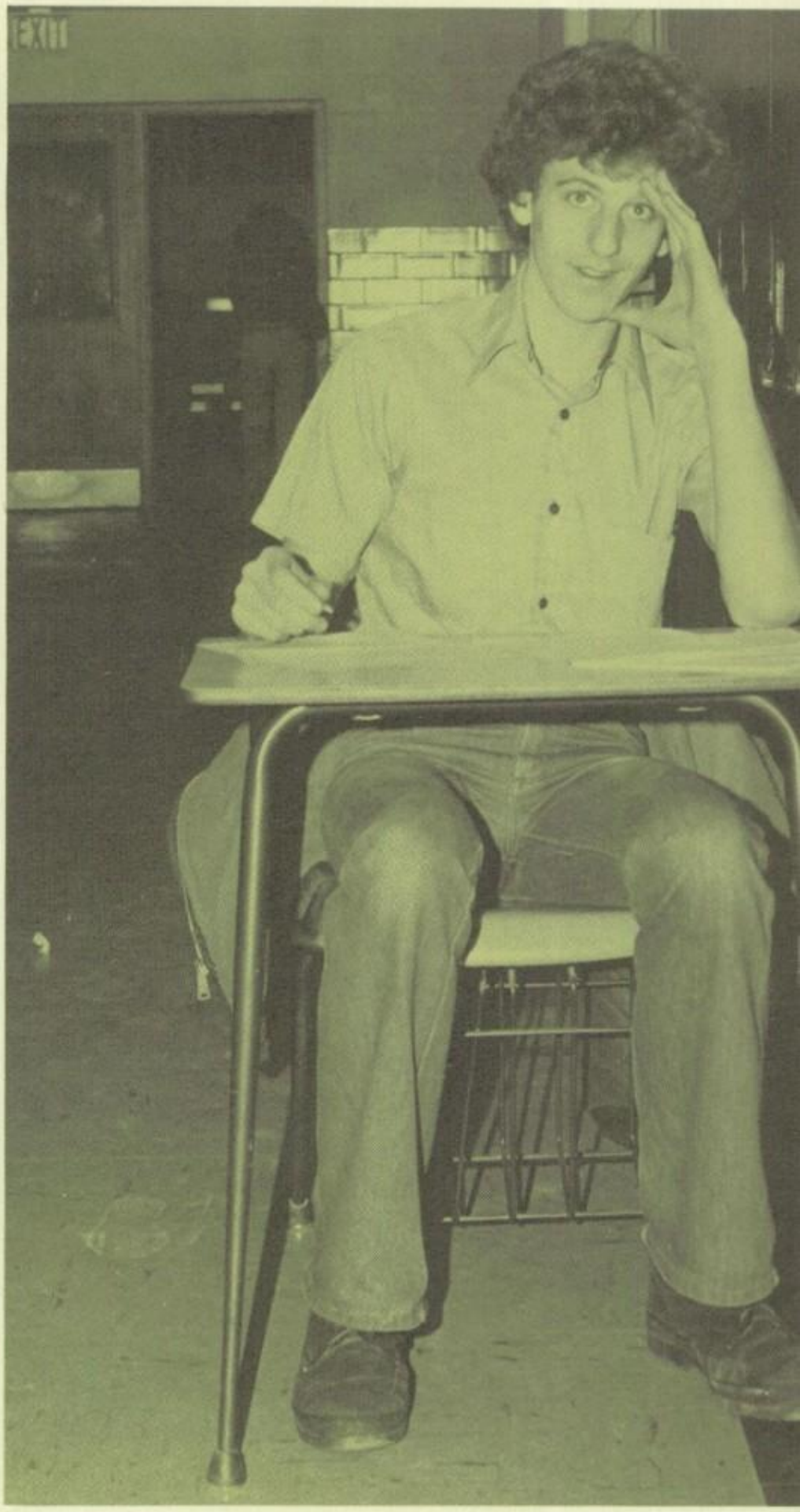
What is a parade without a band? Glenn Winn, Mark Goodis, Albert Patrash and fellow musicians march down West Chicago during the Homecoming extravaganza before the game.

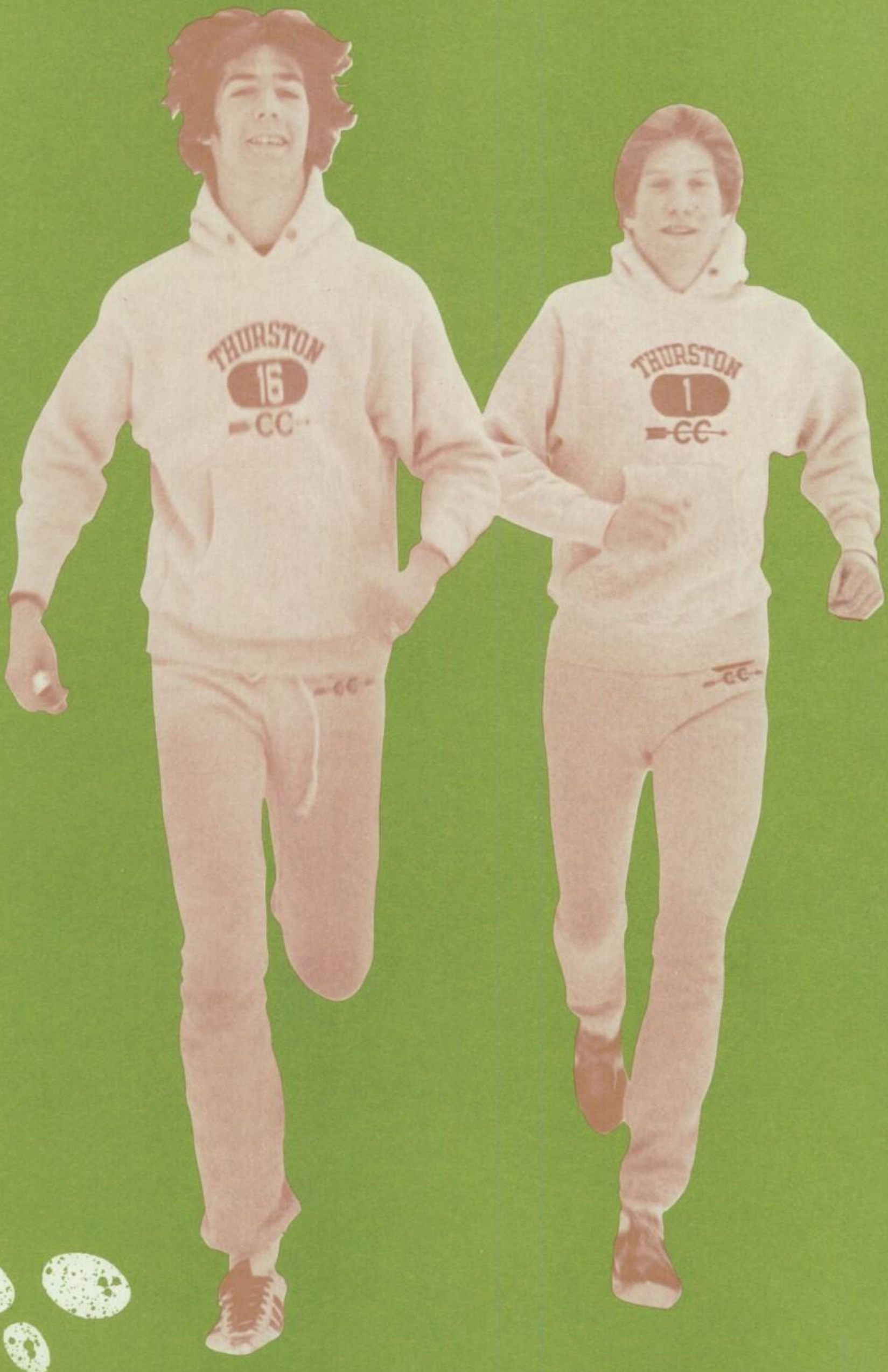
Tomorrow, a mirrored
Image of our hopes, is an
Impression of promise
Built upon the foundations of today
And reflected from the
Dreams of yesterday. A series
Of moments intricately
Woven into a delicate pattern,
Each day invites a search
For the essence of life.

Short on lead but big on brains senior Jeff Goryca whizzes through an exam to ace another Calculus test.

State Champion Curt Reynolds and Brian Hess find friendship in their successful Cross Country careers.



**Contending for our
Ideals, we pursue a goal,
Struggling for perfection and the
Realization of a dream. We
Stand proud amidst success and
Rejoice in tomorrow's new
Challenges. We remain strong
In the face of failure for
With tomorrow comes a renewal
Of life—a chance
To begin again.**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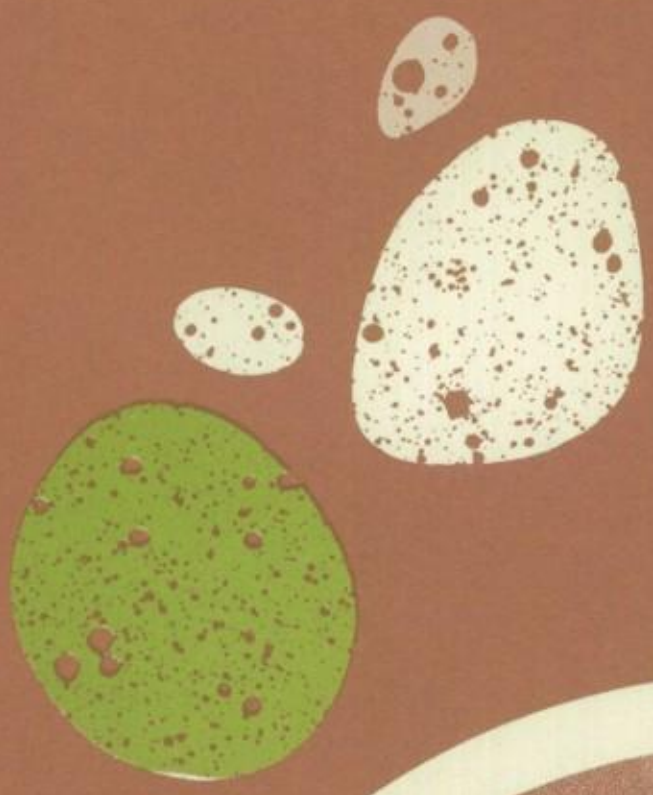
Far from the weakling image associated with a ninety-eight pounder, Tom Arsenault wrestles to a 5-0 victory.

Minus the jitters Linda Collins, Debi Phillips and Lori Wissman flash smiles of confidence to a cheering crowd.

Smiling at their devious matchmaking plans, Ann Sangeorzan and Sherry Wilson attempt the impossible—homework without gossip.



Wrestling with a conforming
Society, we innocently cling to
Our convictions, for in our
Search for truth we remember that
Life holds hope. Shedding the
Insecurities of yesterday, we stand
Confident of today's ideas,
For tomorrow unshattered ideals
Will become reality, and we
Shall conquer a dream.
—Lynn Bekkala
—Gina Ortale

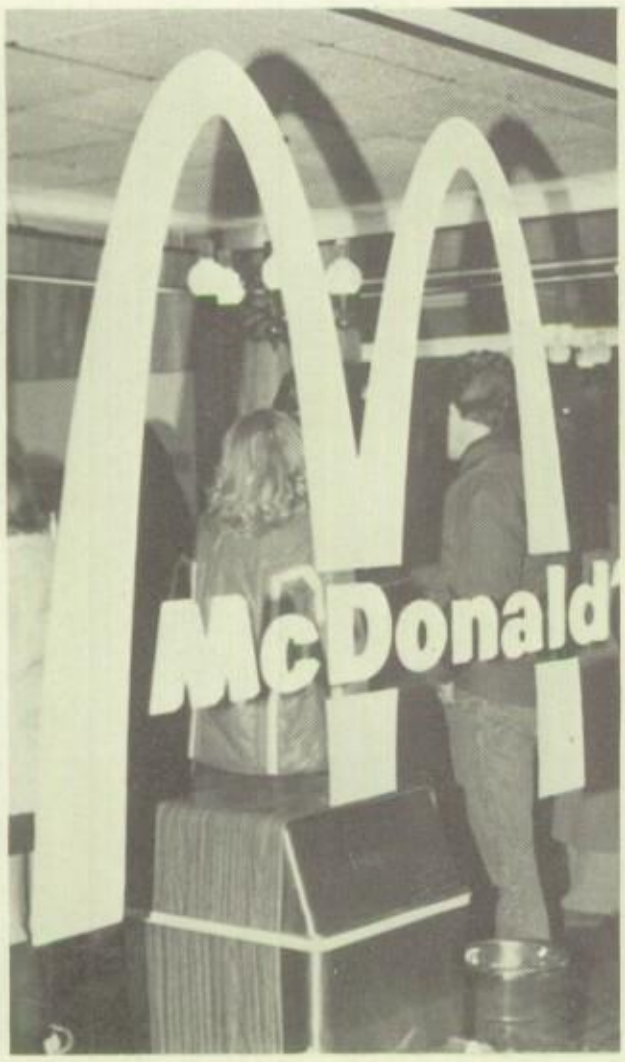
Toasting Harvey's evident invisibility, Elwood P. Dowd, alias Tom Hayes, enjoys a before dinner nip.

Horrified by thoughts of figgy pudding, Leonard Temmen chokes at Pete Bradley's cue for the dessert to be thrown.

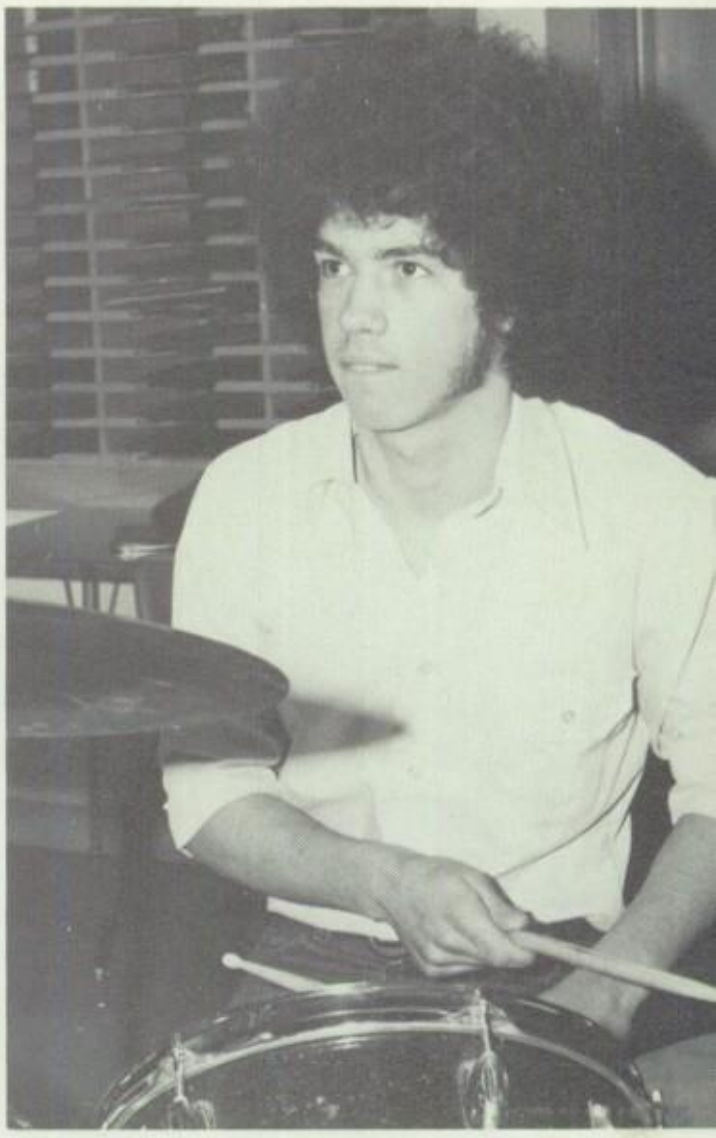
Friendships emerge
As common horizons widen, and
Each shared moment renews strong
Bonds of harmony. Together
We experience a lifetime of happiness
And despair, but with the discovery
Of a smile or an occasional tear
We develop compassion and learn
To rejoice in the forgotten
Luxury of our innocence.

Student Life

Leisure Weekend Excitement Inspire



LEFT: Resting between bites from an apple, Mark Stevenson finishes lunch the easy way. BELOW: Shooting pool at Cushion 'n Cue, Kevin Wilson tries to bank a shot to the far corner. RIGHT: A member of the Jazz Band, Al Patrash supplies the rhythm for the brass



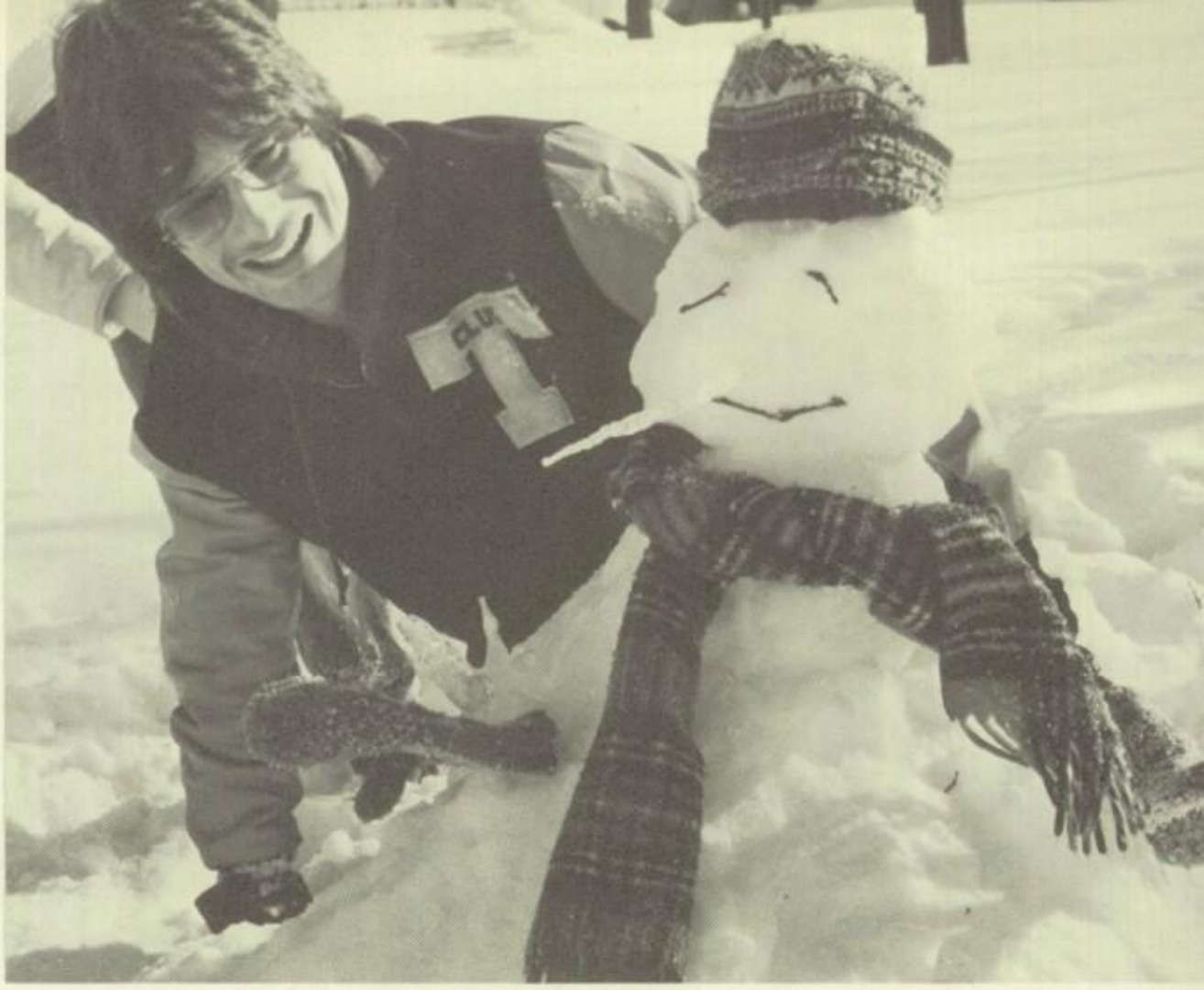
OPPOSITE PAGE ABOVE: When action on the court swings to the opposition, Bennie Merucci, Craig Edwards and Tim Valdez create their own sport and attempt to catch popcorn between cheers. BELOW: Chuckie Merucci, Sandy Haberek and Carol Nagle join the Big Mac attack gang after the game.

BELOW LEFT: Togetherness at Mac's means more time for Kevin O'Neil to tell corny jokes to those around him. A captive audience, Bob Fredericks and Tim Fazzini concentrate on recuperating from the stress of the game.

Friday Night Fever, Sparks Big Mac Attacks

After the textbooks closed and the final bell rang, another lifestyle took form as students forgot about academics and began to enjoy leisure moments in activities with friends. School spirit was never missing at a basketball game, where friends gathered to share the excitement of the action on the court as well as the relaxed moments with each other. After the fun of cheering their team and hoping for a victory, crowds of hungry students swarmed to McDonald's to drown their sorrows in milkshakes, fries and Big Macs. Topics of conversation quickly turned from the game to ideas on what plans to make for the weekend before Monday morning routines changed priorities.

In school moments with friends in the cafeteria during lunch and Lifetime Sports trips to Cushion 'n Cue offered a change from strictly academic classes and the pressures of understanding facts with involved concepts.



Mother Nature Slips; Snow Days Drift Into

Avalanche of Winter Activity

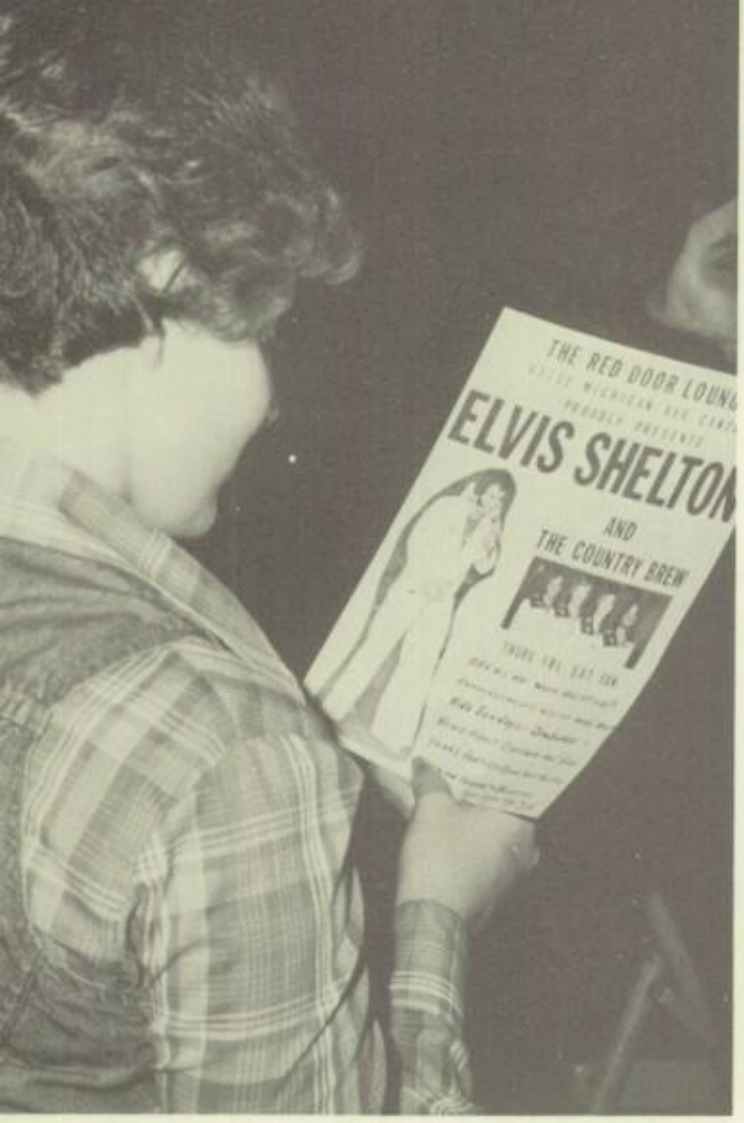
Snowstorms and blizzard weather made Michigan's winter difficult for sometimes frostbitten residents, but all students enjoyed the extra vacation days caused by inches of snow piled on impassable highways. Although police departments issued Red Alerts during hazardous conditions, snow enthusiasts braved icy streets to enjoy the thrill of tobogganing on Western's greens or the slopes in Hines Park. For creative students building a snow man, sometimes from dry, powdery snow, offered a frosty challenge, and borrowing a cap and scarf to give a special creation just the right finishing touches was asking a friend to make an ultimate sacrifice.

Scholars, who needed extra time to study for first semester finals, had their pleas answered when the Blizzard of '78 dumped inches of new snow and caused exams to be postponed. After the delay, the second semester brought new classes, a chance to make other friends and a change of routine as thoughts turned to warmer days of spring.

ABOVE LEFT: Most people think Michigan's winter of '78 was not fit for man nor beast, but Wesley Benedict's best friend, his black Doberman pinscher named Roscoe, qualifies as a beautiful animal, who loves romping through the snow.

OPPOSITE PAGE ABOVE LEFT: Although it's a long wait until graduation, Peggy Bostic plans for the best seat at the ceremony. ABOVE RIGHT: With a little help from his friend, Mike Forsythe enjoys winter fun. LEFT: Todd Purkiss, Mike Gordon, Kevin Schmitt, Keith Harting, Glen Conger and Dave Marcotte toboggan down Thurston's slopes.

ABOVE: Michele DeVries, Dennis Ecker, Maria Tavares and Ann Sangeorzan decide it's fun to bury their friend Tony Carano in a snow bank. RIGHT: With heavy snow comes the temptation to hurl white frozen balls of fluffy stuff at friends. Colleen Hamel yields to the influence of abominable advice and aims for a direct hit.



Elvis Impressionist Captures

ABOVE LEFT: With the death of Elvis Presley cam an attempt to revive interest in the King's musi ABOVE: For her efforts of organizing the Studer Council sponsored event Kathy Charron gets a bac stage autograph. LEFT: Kathy Dechko, Jane Ker Cathy Collins and Vicki Kenderes applaud Elvi music and gyrations. BELOW FAR LEFT: Jul Schmid responds to Elvis Shelton's showmanship.

When Elvis Presley unexpectedly died, his devoted fans found themselves without their King, who some may have forgotten in recent years. Although the legacy of Elvis' music will remain for posterity, sad and shocked fans mourned his passing and frantically tried to cling to anything that made their hero seem alive to them.

Thurston's Student Council helped keep the memory of the man and his music with its individualistic style alive by bringing Elvis Shelton to Thurston for an evening concert on a rainy November evening. Dim lights, echoes of screams and loud applause welcomed the familiar stranger as he brought the King temporarily back to life. Joy replaced hysterical grief for people in the audience, who wanted to believe their idol and his music were alive again.

Music, Style of Legendary Rock 'n Roll King

OP: Amazed at the resemblance between Elvis resley and his impersonator, Sue Heger and Michele lann clap to the tempo of the music. ABOVE: rged by the beat of one of her favorite songs, Janet esniak finds her chair to be as good a place as ny to move to the sound of the music. RIGHT: Flatered by a request for an autograph, Elvis Shelton bliges Maureen Jenkins with a signature.

Playful Disney

ABOVE: Flashing their dazzling smiles, Senior Princess Kathy Kapture, Homecoming Queen Pat Sperkoski and Senior Princess Kennice Kalko wear their glistening crowns. RIGHT: With the help of Snow White and her seven dwarfs the sophomores win the float competition.

BELOW: Assistant Principal Stewart Schauder and Principal Jack Harms accept the sophomore centerpiece from Janice Coumoundouros and class President Dan McAskin. A replica of Snow White's cottage with the seven dwarfs captured the first Homecoming centerpiece competition.

Characters Animate Enchanted Homecoming

The first fall big event was Homecoming—its pep assembly, where this year's Queen Pat Sperkoski reigned over a special late October weekend, its parade with float competitions that created fierce class rivalry and a formal dance, where couples enjoyed music and moments with friends. Weeks of making flowers and building the best float gave the sophomores a victory with their Snow White entry. Although the seniors thought Winnie the Pooh could bring them a first place, they settled for third, following the second place junior Disney train.

Early morning rain threatened to dampen Homecoming spirits but later changed to bright sunshine. Members of the community and Thurston alumni enjoyed the parade and football game, where enthusiastic fans were disappointed in the final moments when an Annapolis opponent scored a game winning touchdown to defeat the Eagles.

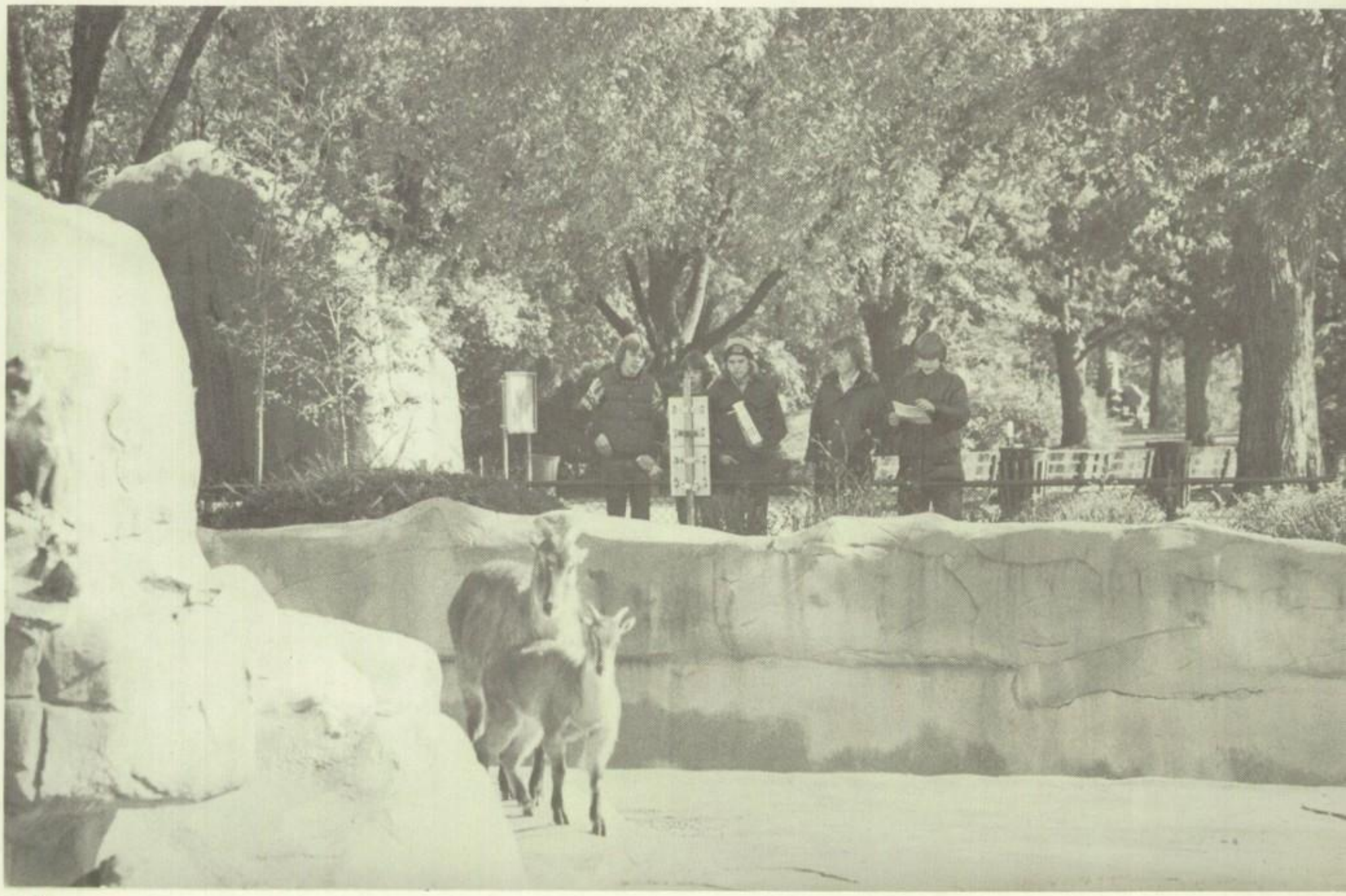
LEFT: Joining in the special festivities of the Homecoming dance, Sally Headapohl and her escort Tim Erickson enjoy the music, leisure moments with good friends and expectations of a formal dinner in a romantic atmosphere.

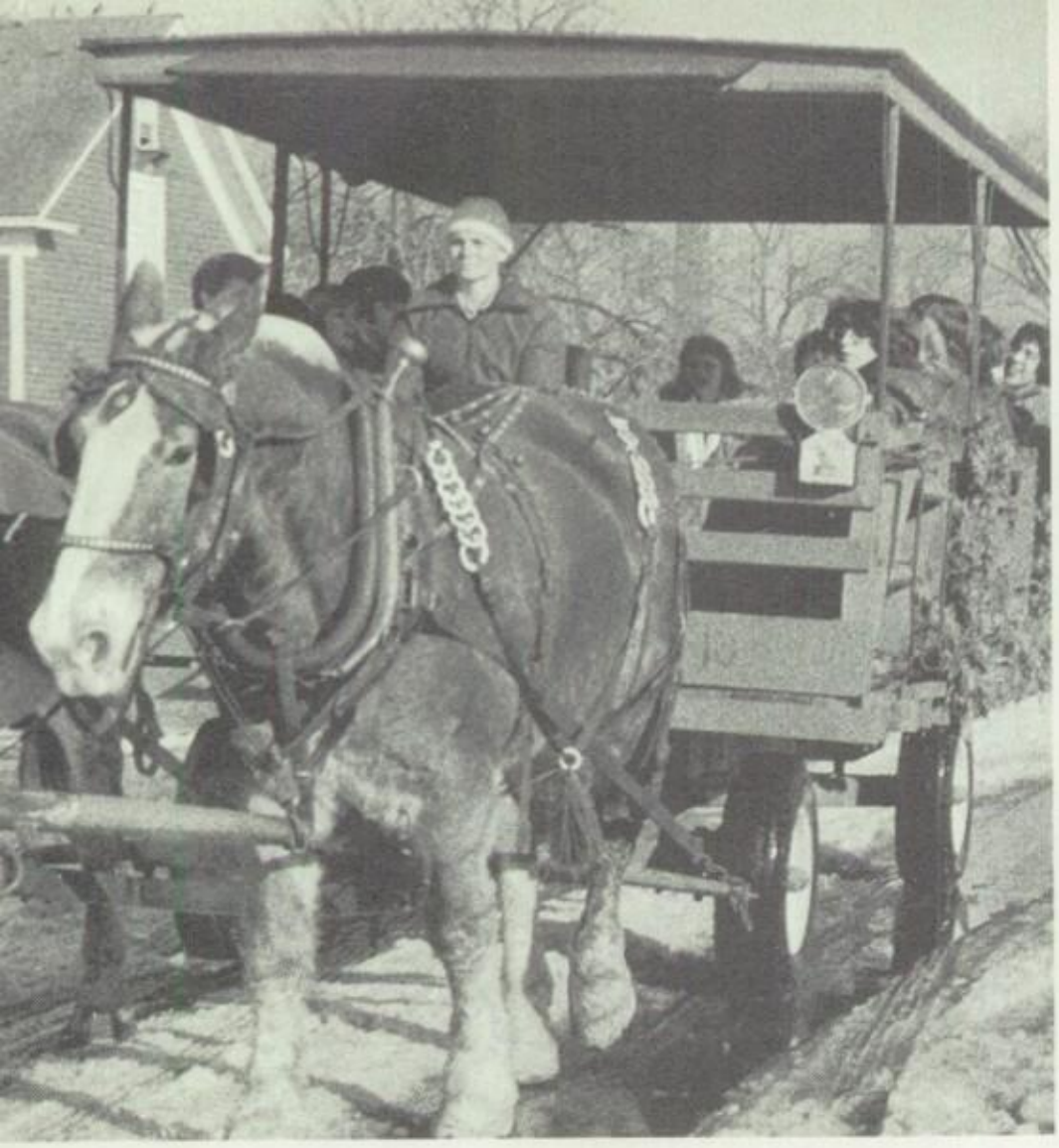
1977 HOMECOMING COURT: Sophomore Princess Kathy Smith and escort Matt Mitchell, Senior Princess Kathy Kapture and escort Bob Tomlinson, Queen Patricia Sperkoski and escort Doug Taylor, Senior Princess Kennice Kalko and escort Dave Pohl and Junior Princess Kathy Anucinski and escort Mark Dietrich.

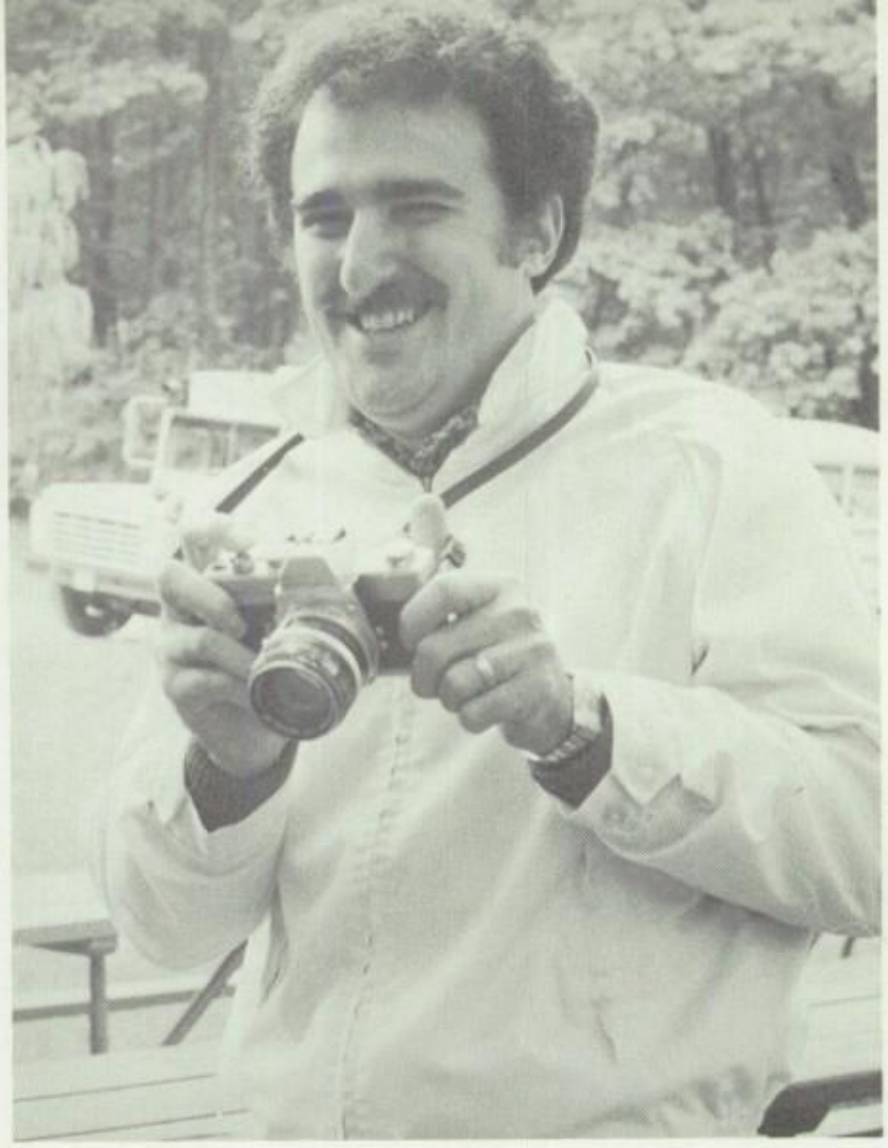
BELOW: Dr. Robert Lake records a Search visit with Robert Rowan and Debbie Selesky on their way to learn how Ma Bell operates. RIGHT: On a field trip Mrs. Jane Nelson lectures to treasurers from league schools while (OPPOSITE PAGE FAR RIGHT) Mr. Len Lovalvo records events by borrowing Mr. Gene Zawisa's camera.

Highways

BELOW: Students on field trips are lucky because they can leave the confines of Thurston to visit interesting places. Watching goats at the zoo, Bob Friske, Bill Friske, Roger McCoy, Shawn Waite and Mark Peters read details about the animals behind the man-made concrete barrier.







Take Curious Students to Interesting Places

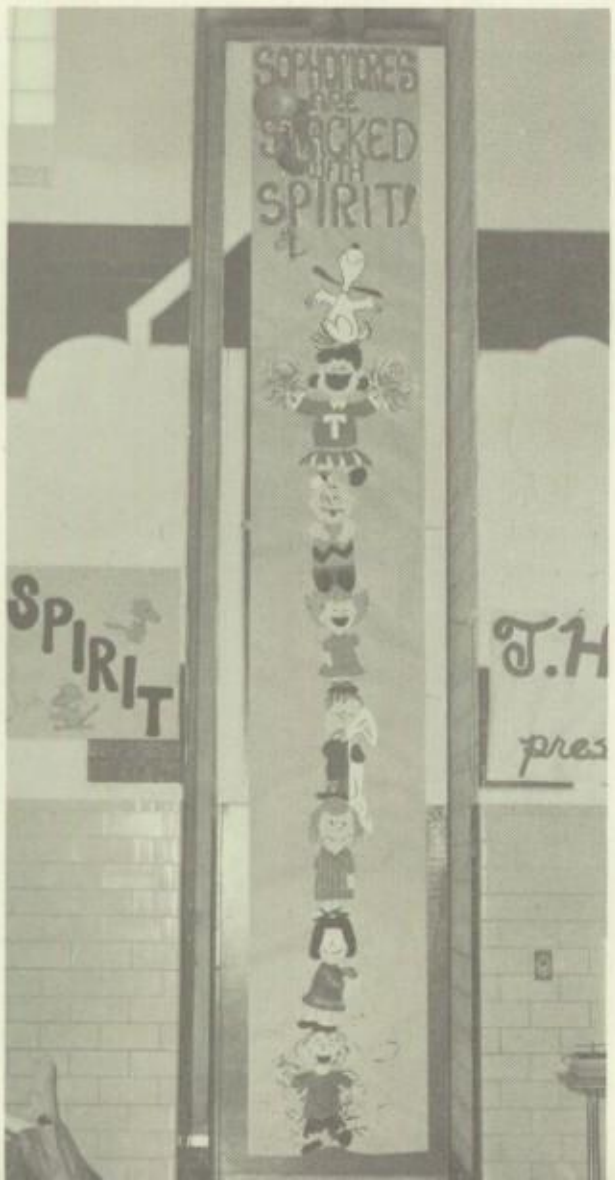
Although the classroom is an excellent place for teachers to present new material and for students to discuss ideas and concepts, its confines limit situations that can be experienced. Because a good educational program values enrichment, traveling beyond classroom walls helped Thurston's students expand their points of view by talking to experts in interesting places away from blackboards and crowded classes. From Canada's Stratford to Detroit's Zoo field trips allowed coeds to escape from the routine of a school day to enjoy the unique events of carefully planned educational excursions. Seniors preparing to attend college visited Eastern, where they learned what campus life is really like. Art students attended exhibits in museums and shows in shopping malls while those interested in science journeyed across the border to the Toronto Science Center. Critics suggest field trips are expensive but do not dispute that they offer valuable learning opportunities.

ABOVE LEFT: Seminar in Ideas students visit Greenfield Village, where great ideas that still influence our lives are recorded historically. LEFT: Sue Castrodale, Mary Ellen Parker, Sandy Smith and Linda Collins explore Eastern's campus.

LEFT: Winners of the canister drive, seniors Gina Ortale and Dave Marcotte are crowned Mr. and Miss Spirit. ABOVE: Dodging Snoopy's attempts to shoot, Jeff Wandyg, the Red Baron, makes a valiant effort to escape. RIGHT: Ms. Lynn Cornell welcomes Sir Graves Ghastly.

Underclassmen Wiped Out by 'Senior Spirit,

BELOW: Displaying the winning poster, the sophomores show that their spirit is all stacked up! RIGHT: Accompanying their float claiming, "Senior Spirit, It'll Beach Ya," Dave Marcotte and Gina Ortale signal that the seniors are #1.



ABOVE: Finishing the Spirit Week competition with a "smashing" senior mount, Tom Smith, Jim Gilbert, Mike Forsythe, Wes Benedict, Petter Endsjo, Greg May, Dave Marcotte, Mark Stevenson and Bennie Merucci "get down" to business as the '78 boy cheerleaders "boogie" to another victory for Thurston High School.

It'll Beach Ya'

The indication that something was afoot became apparent early in the day—perhaps it was the odd abundance of white socks, or it could have been the unlikely coincidence of the entire student body attired in Thurston's school colors, but most likely it was the overwhelming surge of excitement echoing down the buzzing hallways that became the most obvious clue . . . yes, Spirit Week had arrived!

With the Peanuts Gang as the pep assembly theme, the senior class, riding a wave of enthusiasm, scored points early by winning the canister drive for the third year in a row, crowning Dave Marcotte and Gina Ortale Mr. and Miss Spirit. The class of '78 went on to capture blue and white competition, the float, the sack race, the wheelbarrow race and the cheerleading extravaganza. Though the juniors gave their best effort and the sophomores succeeded in winning the poster competition, it was not enough to overpower the seniors, who won the Spirit Week jug.

TOP: Form doesn't count when you're going for speed as Mary Kidder wheelbarrows Keith Branoff toward the finish line for another senior win.

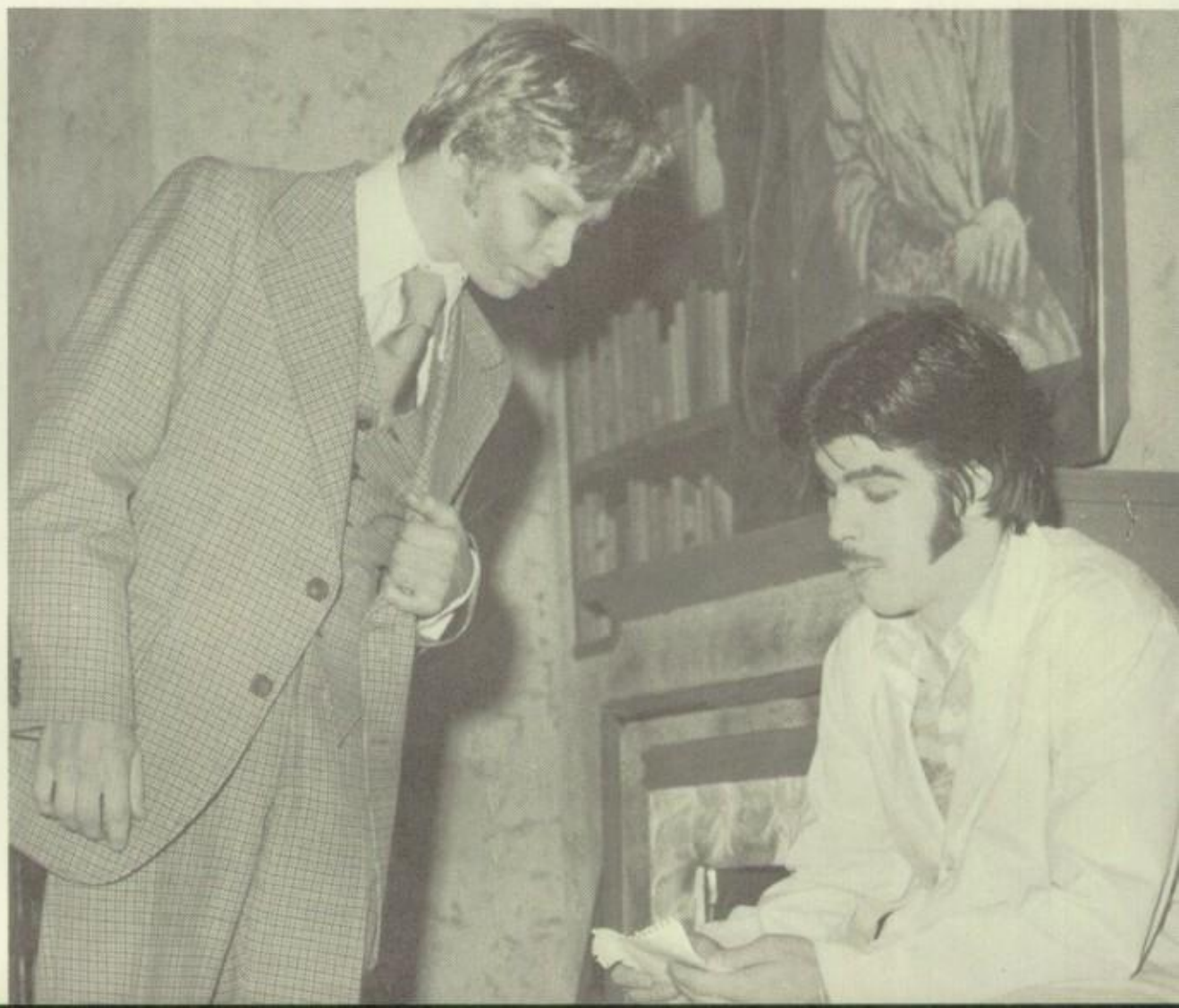
Comic Thespians Snare Tale With Antics of Invisible Hare

LEFT: Seeing his likeness for the first time, Elwood (Tom Hayes) gazes in awe at the portrait painted of Harvey and himself. BELOW: Telling her daughter, Myrtle Mae Simmons (Sally Roberts), of her ordeal, Veta Louise Simmons (Janet Zielke) reveals that doctors wanted to commit her to the sanitarium. BOTTOM LEFT: Mr. Ronald Otulakowski issues stage directions.

A zany story concerning the comi situations of a rabbit visible only to on man, who was known to imbibe on man occasions, Harvey, brought to Thurston' stage by Director Ronald J. Otulakowsk the Thespian Troupe and Apprentice Thes pians, entertained audiences during pe formances on January 11th, 12th and 13th More Thurston students were able to se the play this winter because the matine returned to selected classes invited t attend the production during the regula school day.

Tom Hayes brought Elwood P. Dow to life while Kevin Modreski played th invisible Harvey. A play, where the audienc was aware of the antics that caused frus tration and frenzied comedy for the cha acters, Harvey succeeded in bringin comedy to Thurston's auditorium. Behin the scenes the cast was supported by capable stage crew responsible for a artistic set, lighting and sound effects

BELOW: After discovering that Elwood is craz Dr. Chumley (Rudy Troy) and Duane Wilson (Pa Sublett) try to find him. OPPOSITE PAGE LEF Elwood (Tom Hayes) tells Dr. Chumley (Rudy Tro about (RIGHT) Harvey (Kevin Modreski). BOTTOM Should they give Elwood the shot to make hi stop seeing Harvey? Friends and relatives (Gle Petcavage, Ken Swiantek, Sally Roberts and Jan Zielke) ask Dr. Chumley (Rudy Troy) what to d



HARVEY

Cast

Myrtle Mae Simmons . . . . . Sally Roberts*
Veta Louise Simmons . . . . . Janet Zielke*
Elwood P. Dowd . . . . . Tom Hayes
Miss Johnson . . . . . Margaret Rozanski
Mrs. Ethel Chauvenet . . . . . Cheryl Staron
Ruth Kelly, R.N. . . . . Laurie Iliff
Duane Wilson . . . . . Paul Sublett*
Lyman Sanderson, M.D. . Glen Petcavage*
William R. Chumley, M.D. . . . . Rudy Troy
Betty Chumley . . . . . Judy Hanba
Judge Omar Gaffney . . . . . Ken Swiantek*
E. J. Lofgren . . . . . Jay Miller

*Member Thurston Thespian Troupe

BELOW: Smiling with pride, Denise Temmen accepts praise from Jim Fitzsimmons as he congratulates Keith Schauder for his prize-winning corsage. BELOW RIGHT: Making a grand entrance, Linda Collins and her escort prepare to join the evening's festivities. OPPOSITE PAGE RIGHT: All that seems to be missing is the castle itself as Sponge Dance King, Tony Zygiel, accepts his crown from Cheryl Bessonen. Pat Wilson, Fred Meller, and Jane Serbay applaud their ruler. FAR RIGHT: Representing his class as prince, Todd Purkiss and Karen Romej travel past his subjects toward the crowning event.

'COLOR MY WORLD'—SPONGE DANCE COURT: Sophomore Princ Mark Dietrich and escort Nancy Kelly, Senior Prince Gregg Polidori an escort Jane Serbay, Senior King Tony Zygiel and escort Cheryl Bessoner Senior Prince Tom Suchenek and escort Carol Billington and Junior Princ Todd Purkiss and escort Karen Romej.

Sponge Dance Whirls With Touch of Color

There was no pot of gold at the end of the Sponge Dance "Color My World" rainbow, but for young men, who enjoyed the luxury of being treated to dinner and the pleasure of a special young lady's company at her request, there was music and an evening spent with mutual friends. After the nervous invitation was accepted and anxiety turned into anticipation, plans to design masculine corsages in preparation for the dance's contest became a matter of urgency. Of course, selecting an excellent restaurant to fulfill hearty appetites and still offer an enchanting atmosphere was a task, which required thorough research.

Although enjoyed as a frivolous adventure, the Student Council event gave Tony Zygiel a chance to reign as King for an exciting evening.

'Photographs And Memories' Frame Special

One of the most common characteristics present in all human beings is the art of fantasizing. Capturing moments at a time, we escape from reality to place ourselves in a world of our own, where even the most unlikely dreams come true. At times, the illusions we create appear as if copied from a fairy tale. Yet these illusions, enhanced by a luxurious atmosphere, can often ensure the life of one's hopes and expectations.

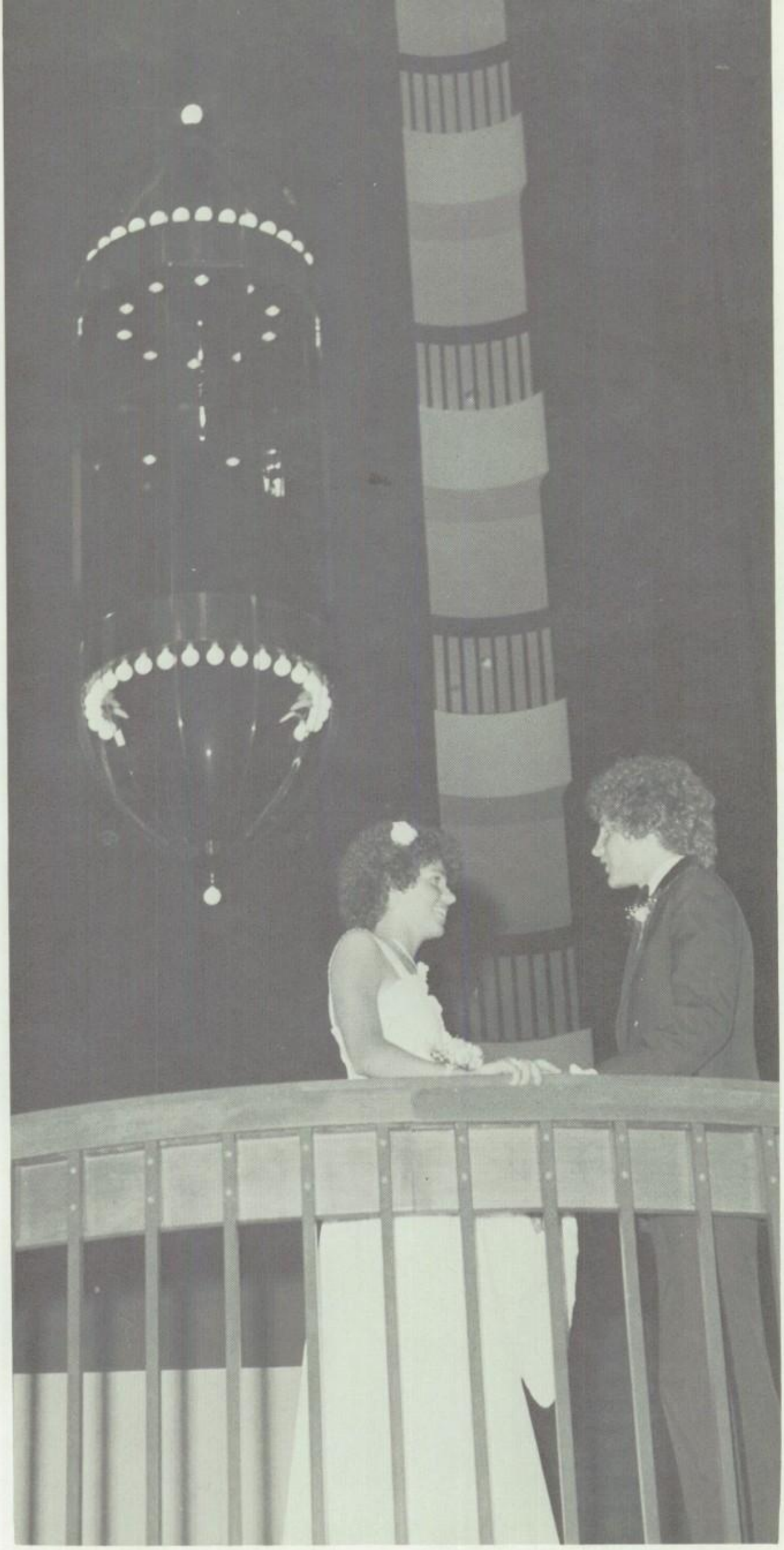
For many, the night of May twenty-seventh provided the setting of a splendor-filled dream as elegantly dressed couples attended the Prom at the Dearborn Hyatt Regency. This magnificent evening, complete with dinner and dancing was enlivened by the music of the Austin-Moro Band.

The gift of a treasured necklace, which each girl received as a prom favor, brought a precious sparkle to eager eyes and would undoubtably prompt cherished thoughts of this occasion in future times.

The pictures we create in our minds of the years spent at Thurston will never fade or become lost. We cherish these memories and with them construct a base for the building of future goals. The theme, "Photographs and Memories," was the key in recreating those special occasions, that became just as much a part of our lives as Thurston, where recollections would become memorable glimpses of yesterday.

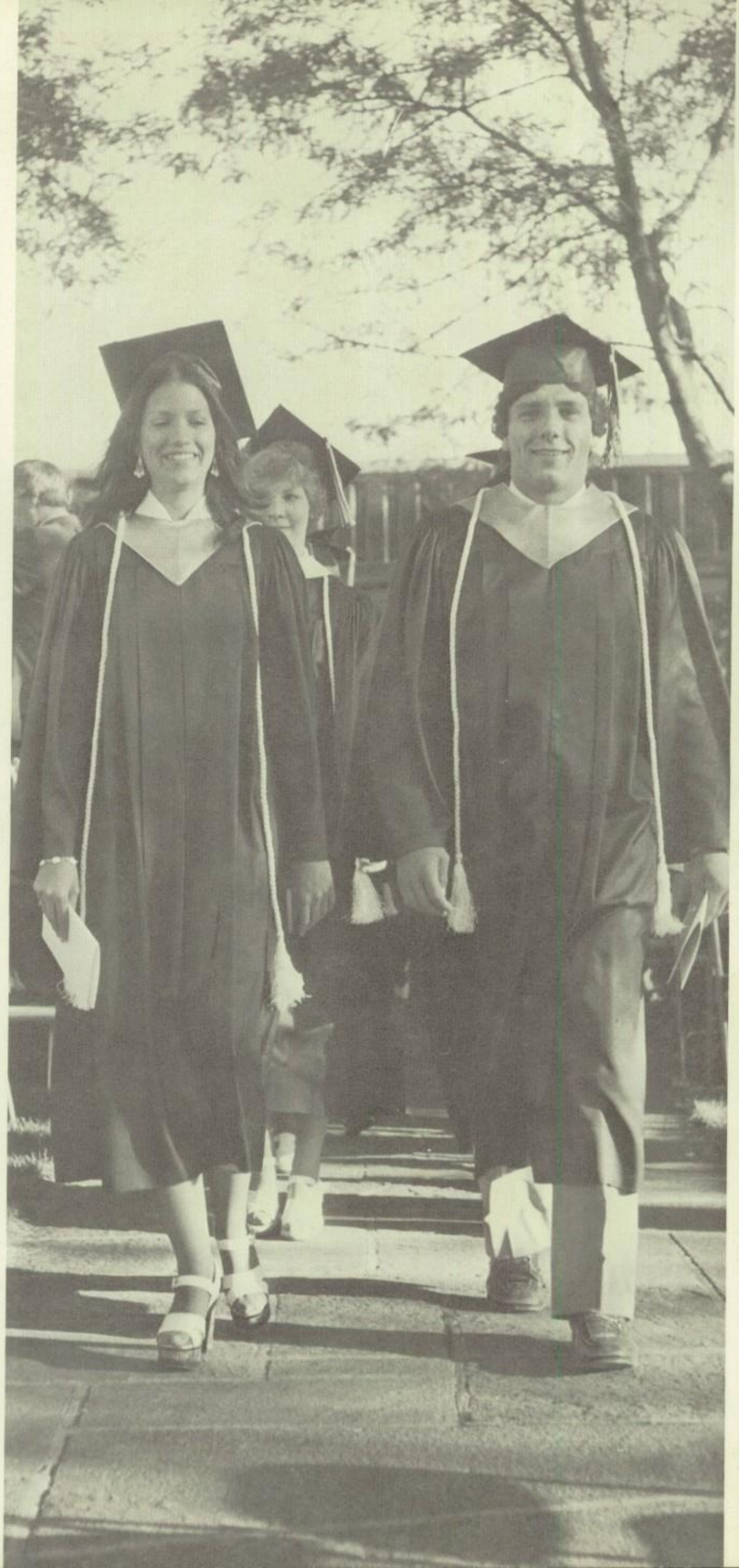
RIGHT: Excited anticipation supresses all hunger pangs until the dinner itself is placed before you. When this happens, as with Renee Sims and her escort, the only thing to do is smile and enjoy! BELOW: Approaching the Hyatt Regency caused each couple to admire the splendor of the building. BOTTOM RIGHT: Impeccably attired, Ken Alberti adds his own touch of class to a night filled with the sophistication that engulfs a formal occasion.

Prom Night



ABOVE: Locked in each other's arms, Sandy Smith and Ryan Kolle sway with the rhythm of the music. RIGHT: Exultation radiates when surrounded by an atmosphere of luxury. Secluding themselves, Sue Castrodale and Paul Maiorana capture the moment by sharing their sentiments of an always-to-be-remembered evening.

THURSTON EAGLES
ALL AROUND
ATHLETIC AWARD
PRESENTED TO
THE MOST OUTSTANDING
GIRL
EACH YEAR



BELOW: Commending individuals for their achievements, Dr. Jan Jacobs, Superintendent of Schools, speaks to seniors, (RIGHT) Ray Pisani, Tim Merkel, Greg Kangas, and other recipients of awards about the importance of fulfilling specific goals.

Many Achievements Highlight Honors Night

OPPOSITE PAGE FAR LEFT: Symbolic of athletic ability is Renee Enright's trophy for Most Outstanding Girl Athlete. LEFT: Co-Valedictorians Pam Comber and Keith Schauder lead the Honors Night procession.

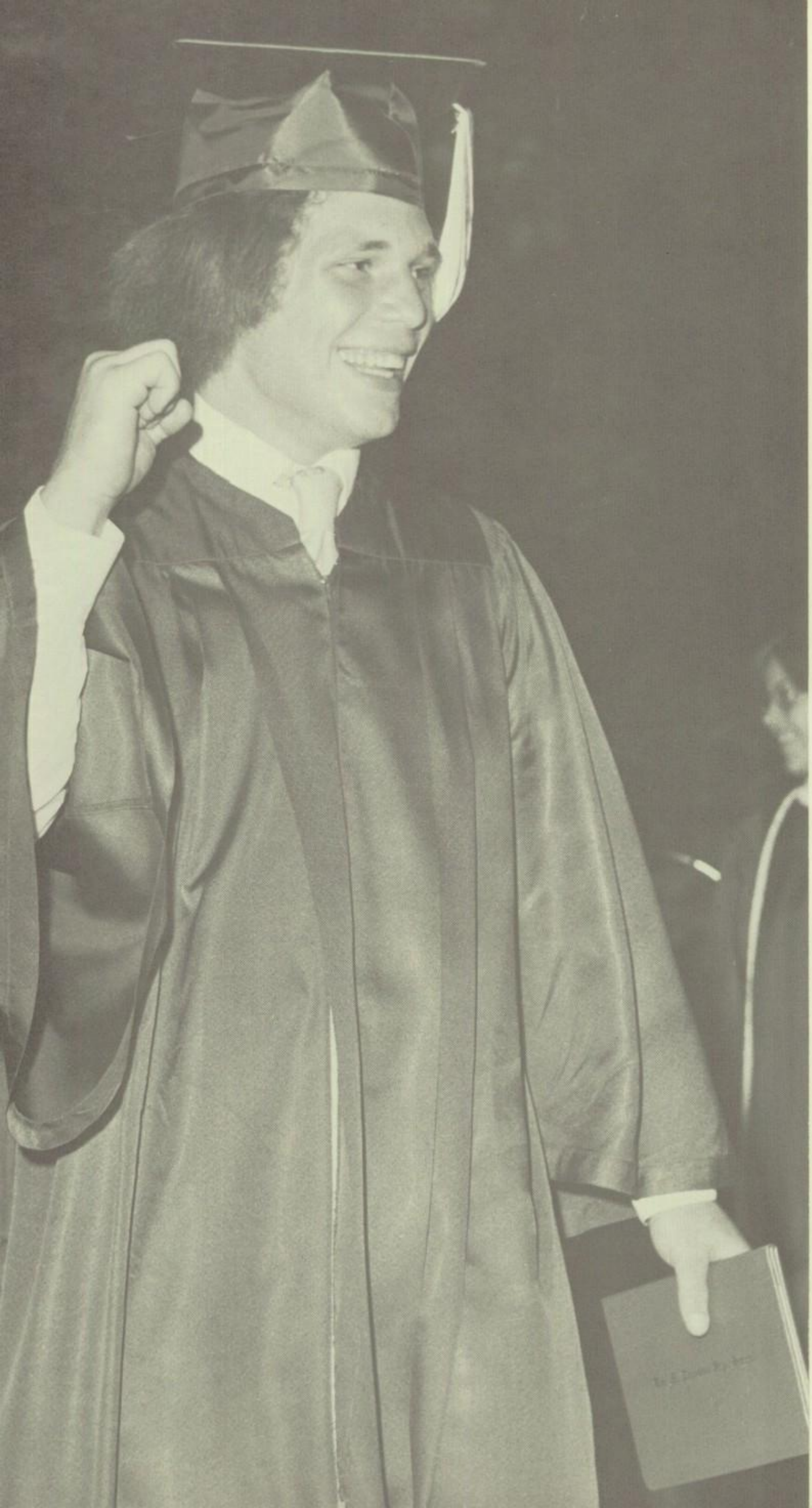
BELOW: Being dedicated to class activities requires personal sacrifices. Accepting an award for the many contributions she made to her class, Liz Woodley receives congratulations from Principal Jack Harms.

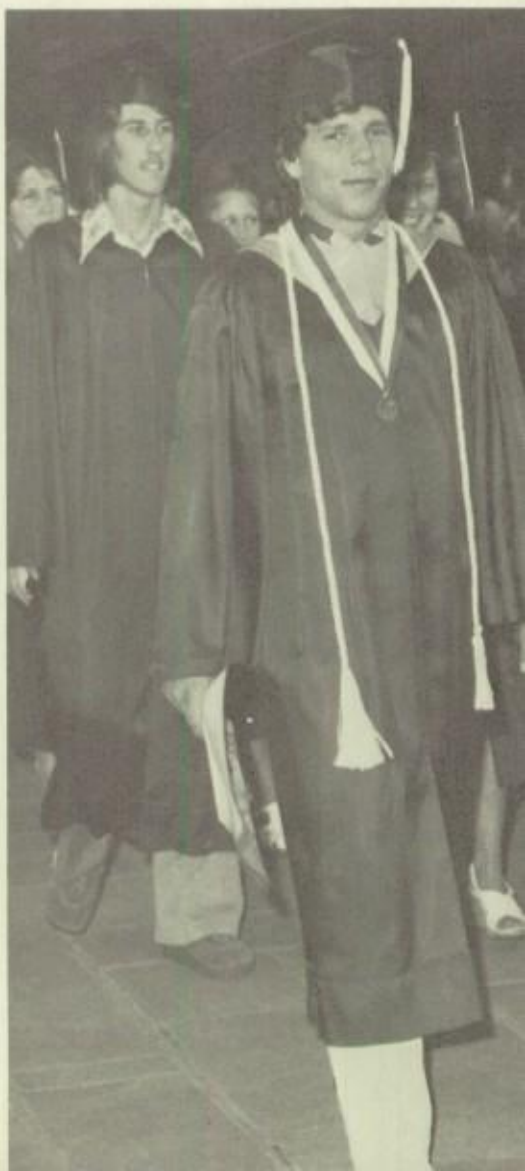
Pride, self-satisfaction and the feeling of accomplishment were the internal emotions exprienced by students, whose achievements were recognized by parents, friends, teachers and administrators on Honors Night. External evidence of commendations for outstanding abilities in specific areas were broad smiles, firm congratulatory handshakes and echoing applause from the crowd gathered in the junior courtyard to observe individuals accept trophies and awards, merited for exceptional personal excellence.

For graduating seniors Honors Night was an opportunity to gather with friends for almost the last time. Co-Valedictorians Pam Comber and Keith Schauder accepted trophies for scholastic proficiency while underclassmen also had a chance to share in the glory of praise for tasks well done. Keith Schauder, Gina Ortale and Liz Woodley were victorious in their respective class elections, honoring students who greatly contributed to the successful completion of class projects.

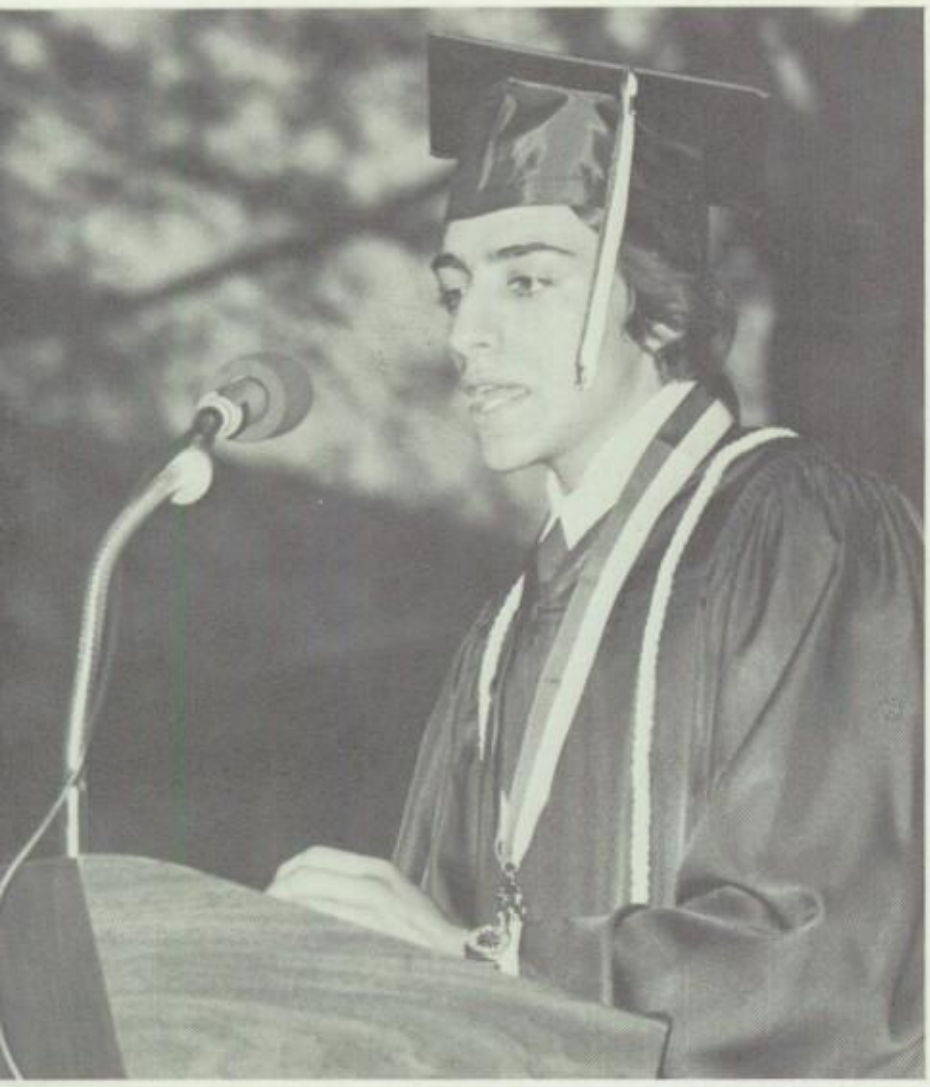
Graduating

LEFT: Savoring his final moment of glory, senior Brian Poma grasps his coveted diploma as he flashes a happy smile and a salute of victory to his parents and friends. BELOW: In her Valedictory address, Pam Comber expresses the idea that man's success depends on his ability to balance realism and idealism.





Seniors Gather for Final Farewell

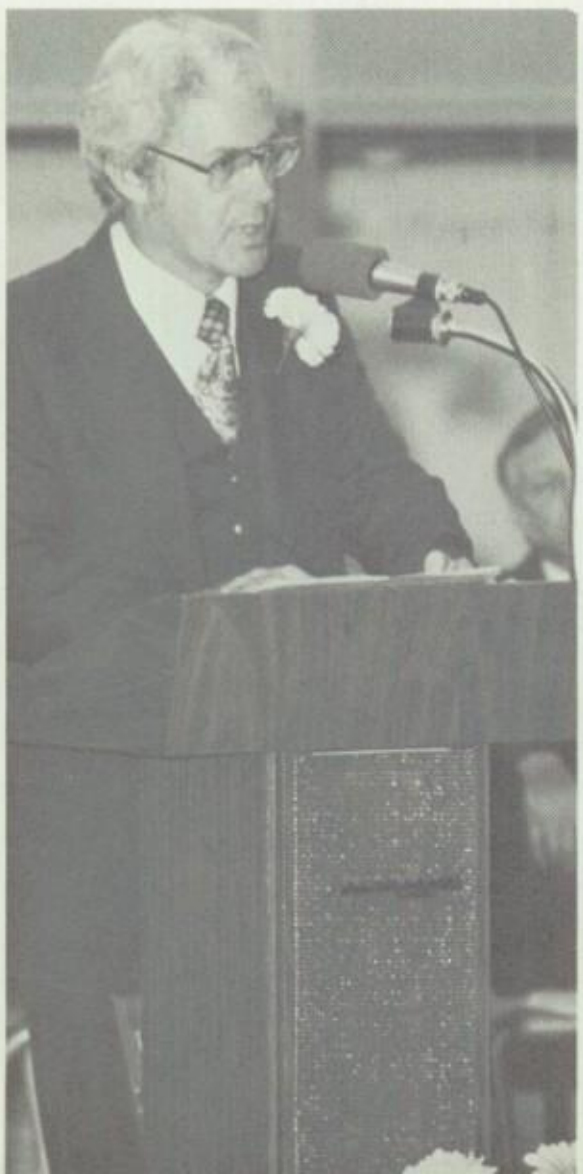


No one can say who is more affected by Commencement Night. Is it the graduates, who, as individuals, have spent years studying, growing and learning? Having permitted school to become a great part of their lives, they must now leave it behind and fill its space with hopes for the future. Is it the parents, who have watched as children developed into young adults? Teachers, too, remember special moments when soon-to-be former students grasped difficult concepts or displayed evidence of unique achievements. Underclassmen feel bonds of friendship diminish as they ascend Thurston's hierarchy to replace the previous class.

Co-Valedictorians Pam Comber and Keith Schauder presented their speeches that advised classmates to balance realism with idealism in their search for success and truth. Class Speaker Ray Pisani remembered lighter moments but stressed the responsibilities each graduate must now accept as a challenge to improve the world.

Everyone's emotions became a proud composite for the solemn occasion, when graduates prepared for their moments of glory as Dr. Jan Jacobs presented well-earned diplomas.

ABOVE: Class Speaker Ray Pisani reminisces about the lighter moments of his graduating class. BELOW LEFT: Senior Larry Gordon follows Co-Valedictorian Keith Schauder and Denise Temmen, who lead the procession for their Commencement ceremony. BELOW: Commending members of the graduating class for their accomplishments, Principal Jack Harms prepares seniors (BELOW RIGHT) Kris Cross, Pete Petcavage and Judy Kalinik for the moment of diploma presentation from Dr. Jan Jacobs.



Grinning with enthusiasm, Lynne Ried executes her part of an intricate routine to entertain halftime spectators.

Student Council Christmas characters, Katie Courter, Rob Kurnick and Sandy Smith, lead the singing of holiday carols.

Expanding our
Interests, we welcome the
Opportunity to try something new.
Remembering that the
Disappointment of failure fades while
The joy of success lingers,
We are unafraid to become involved,
For with participation
Come experiences and memories
To be cherished for
A lifetime.

Activities

RIGHT: Student Council sponsor, Miss Julie Haaxma, and President Kathy Charron make sure each activity flows smoothly. OPPOSITE PAGE TOP: Riding in the Homecoming parade, Mary Kidder, Kathy Charron, Sally Carlisle, Katie Courter and Carl Peters wish the Eagles luck.

ABOVE: 1978 STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS— FRONT ROW: Treasurer Sandy Smith, Vice President Dianne Thompson and Recording Secretary Laura Halliday. SECOND ROW: Parliamentarian Mary Kidder, President Kathy Charron and Corresponding Secretary Debbie Romej. TOP: Registering to vote is an important part of the democratic process. Checking students' names while supervising an election to determine class officers, Petter Endsjo and Sally Carlisle guard the ballot box. RIGHT: Cheryl Hallabrin distributes a picture portrait package as part of her Student Council duties for the semester.

Student Council's Hospitality Helps New Students Adjust

Because school activities should appeal to a large majority of all students, twenty-four elected representatives of the Student Council accepted challenges of leadership. Presenting informative showcases, organizing assemblies and planning events caused council members to focus attention on adding interesting projects for the student body. Elvis may be gone, but his memory came to life when the Student Council brought an Elvis Shelton concert to Thurston. Christmas for Redford's needy children was brighter because of funds donated in the annual Christmas competitions and those who needed blood were aided with donations from the Council's blood drive. This group also invited new students to visit during council hour for orientation.

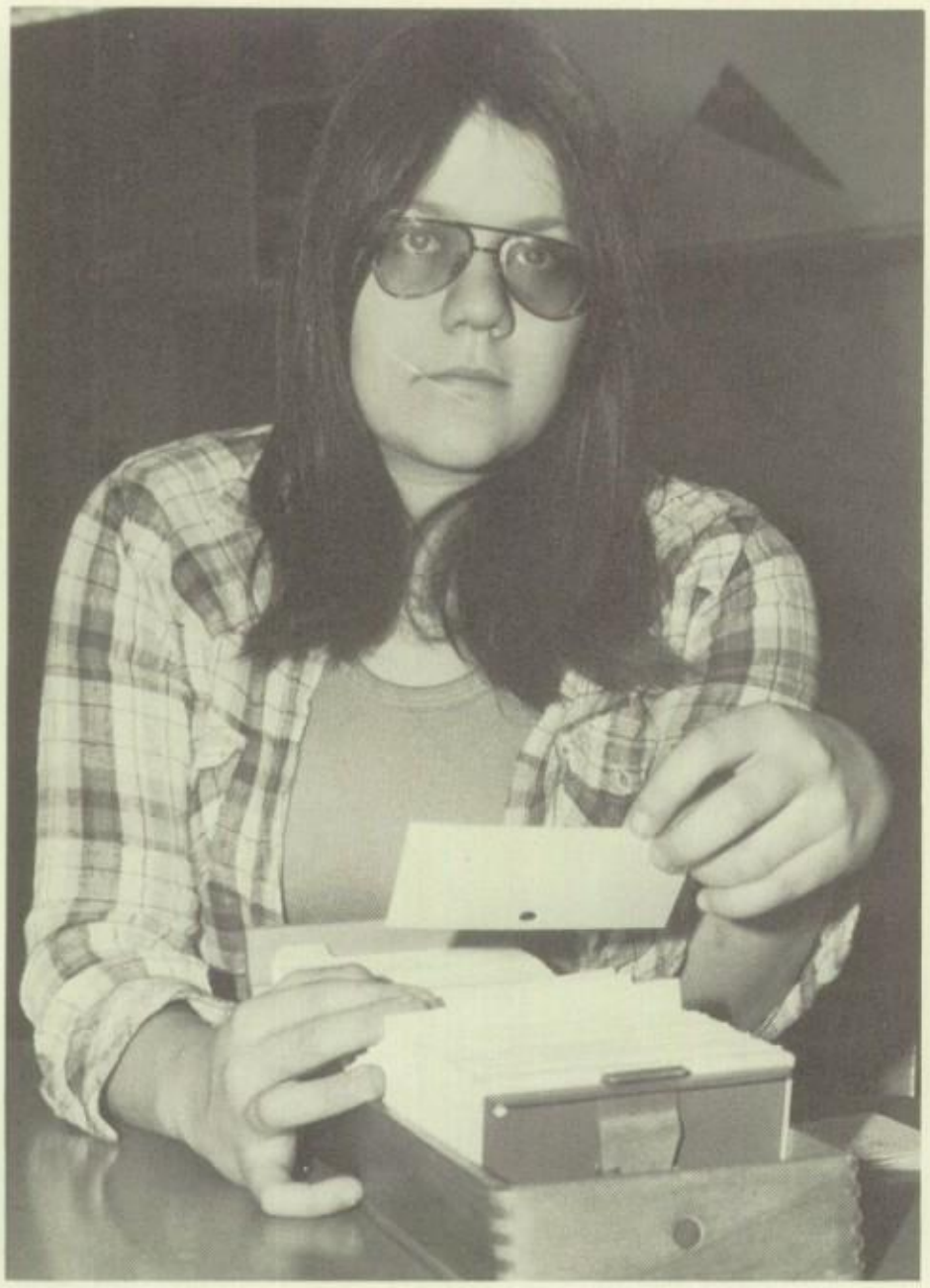
BELOW: Showing the friendliness of Americans, Mary Ellen Parker, Mary Kidder, Katie Courter, Shari O'Keefe, Sandy Smith, Craig Kelly, Laura Halliday, Sally Carlisle, Lynda Snage and Carla Reynolds welcome Norwegian Petter Endsjo.

RIGHT: Himself an outstanding student, National Honor Society President, Robert Ziaja, uses quiet moments in the library to plan events. Accepting the challenge of organizing the annual auction, Bob sacrificed personal time to arrange club activities. OPPOSITE PAGE TOP: Having Thurston alumni who become famous figures is always a source of special pride. When television's Miss Cathie Mann, a Thurston alumna, returned to address the Honor Society's Induction Ceremony audience, she spoke about character, its importance and meaning. BELOW RIGHT: Seniors Linda Collins and Laura Donovan repeat the pledge taken to uphold the high goals of the society. CENTER: In congratulating Carol Bashara, Principal Jack Harms extends a friendly handshake to accompany her membership card. BELOW: Concerned parents, who often lend support to honor students, watch the solemn Honor Society Induction Ceremony. BOTTOM: Projects cost money! Fulfilling one of his obligations for fund raising, Jerry Bradford operates the malt machine.

Dedicated Honor Students' Achievements Commended

Many students conscientiously study and complete their homework assignments for self-satisfaction. As these students repeat their ritualistic schedule they wonder, "Why?" The National Honor Society tried to explain this perplexing question on November 1, 1977, when its Induction Ceremony honored students or outstanding achievements. A elected number of qualified stuents, who demonstrated outstanding holastic and leadership qualities, were recognized this year when sixteen seniors and fifty-six juniors were presented a membership into the Arete Chapter. The officers recited the oath and lit a candle, a ritual symbolizing Character, Scholarship, Leadership, Service and the everlasting flame, Knowledge. Thurston's Jazz Band provided entertainment for the evening.

Auction donations helped raise funds for scholarships awarded to Society members on Honors Night.



Community Wins in Coordinated Programs

ABOVE LEFT: Karen Annas organizes the card catalog while (BELOW) Denise Tabaczewski places loan stickers in new materials. ABOVE RIGHT: Yvonne Reineke runs dittos at Pierce. LEFT: Colleen LeVeille completes assigned duties in the 17th District Court's Probations Department. OPPOSITE PAGE: Nancy Greenhow tutors as part of her volunteer work.

When seniors register to vote, they are told, "It's your civic duty." While it's true that good citizens participate in their local government, many Thurston students didn't wait until graduation to become involved in their community's affairs. Programs in our school involved young people with programs that tied study courses with businesses, agencies and the local Redford government.

Sometimes duties were job related or rewarded with credit applied toward graduation requirements. Other times the only satisfaction was working with people that needed and appreciated the special attention of someone, who cared enough to sacrifice personal time to help others. Thurston's Community Volunteer Service program offered students a chance to tutor younger elementary pupils, who needed extra help with difficult assignments. Although those involved in Co-Op classes received payment for their job training, the experience of serving in the community was usually a more motivating factor for becoming involved.

SALT

LEFT: Steve Basar, Glen Petcavage, Lisa Prokop and Kevin Wilson display their Second Place trophy won in the Wayne Novice League. BELOW: John Corradi and Jerry Bonnici arrange organized pieces of debate evidence in their personal file boxes.

Experienced, Novice Debaters

ABOVE: Bob Litwinczuk and (RIGHT) Glen Petcavage organize their plan for an upcoming debate while (FAR RIGHT) Brian Kane and Phil Snyder amuse Mrs. Patricia Staffeld with the proposals of their new squirrel case.

RIGHT: Because winning a debate takes cooperation, Margaret Rozanski, Lynn Sarkany and Tom Hayes plan their debate strategy. BELOW RIGHT: Kim Krueger finds her debate experiences help her refine argumentation skills.

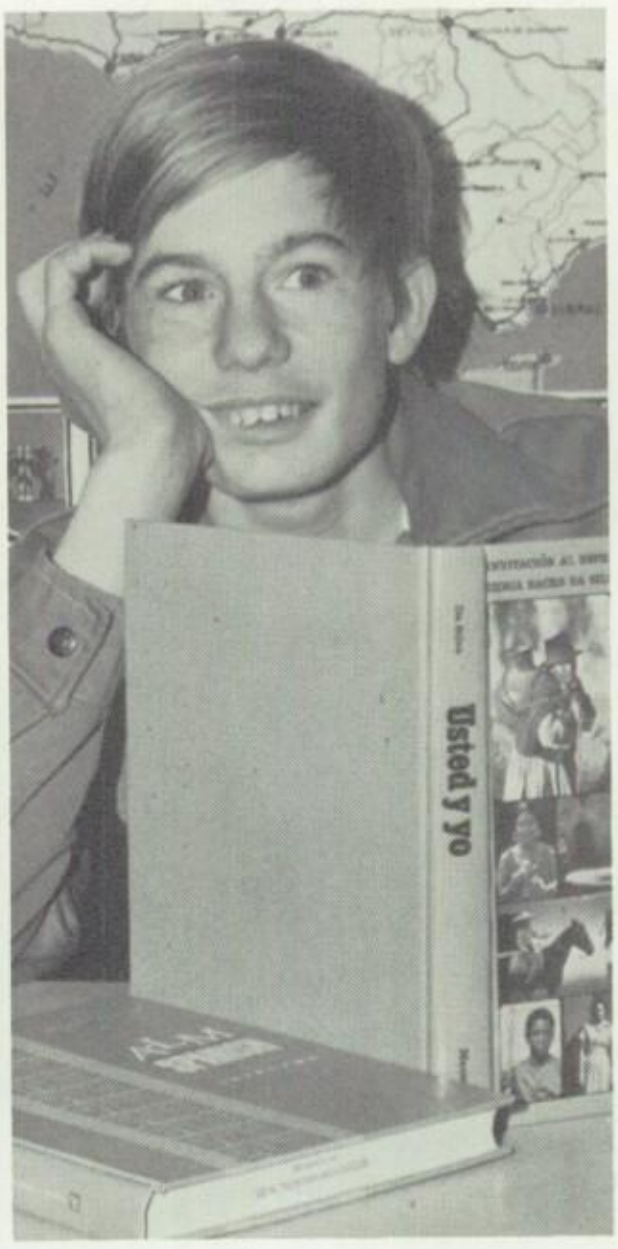
Discuss Remedy for National Health Problem

Sometimes the favorite topic for debate was why certain students were late for class. A second favorite topic that was debatable was why other students always misplaced their plans in the depths of cluttered briefcases. Also, the question of why the sponsor and her young proteges usually became lost or were late because their bus chose to make unscheduled farm stops made the debate season unique.

When the debate students presented their arguments to support or oppose the national topic, "Resolved: That the federal government should guarantee comprehensive medical care for all citizens in the United States," serious and logical suggestions were proposed and supported by weeks of extensive research. Three leagues, the Wayne Novice, the Northwest Suburban and the Greater Oakland, offered Thurston's teams challenging opposition, which they met by placing second in two leagues, where more experienced debaters will return next year to try again.

Project Funds

Translate Into Passports for World Travel



For students who were interested in studying people around the globe, a knowledgeable command of their native language was not enough. Because they wanted to study people, countries and cultures of the world, students often elected a foreign language course.

By joining a language club, foreign language students were able to participate in building a Homecoming float and raising funds for world travel. Members of the German Club, with hopes of seeing Germany, sold strudel and visited Michigan's Frankenmuth, where they sampled German dishes. Selling candles, having bake sales and washing cars were the Spanish Club's way of raising funds to fulfill dreams of visiting Spain. French Club fantasies of dining in the cafes of Paris helped inspire its members during club projects designed to provide funds for travel.

FAR LEFT: It's A Small World for the French Club, but their world enlarges with their prize winning entry. LEFT: Sitting in front of the map of Spain, junior Robert Fountain imagines himself to be exploring its lands. BELOW: President Belinda Lombardo and Ken Swiantek reflect on memories of the previous summer's trip to Spain.

BELOW: Reciting a favorite passage from the Bible, Ruth Hutchins leads the morning devotions when Christian Club members gather to discuss the guidance offered by Christian attitudes. RIGHT: Accompanying their entry in the float competition, Donna Marini, John Taube, Sheila Porter, Denise Tabaczewski and Britta Samuelson give Dumbo a spiritual escort. BOTTOM: The Bible serves as a guiding force for the club.

Daily Devotions Aid Christian

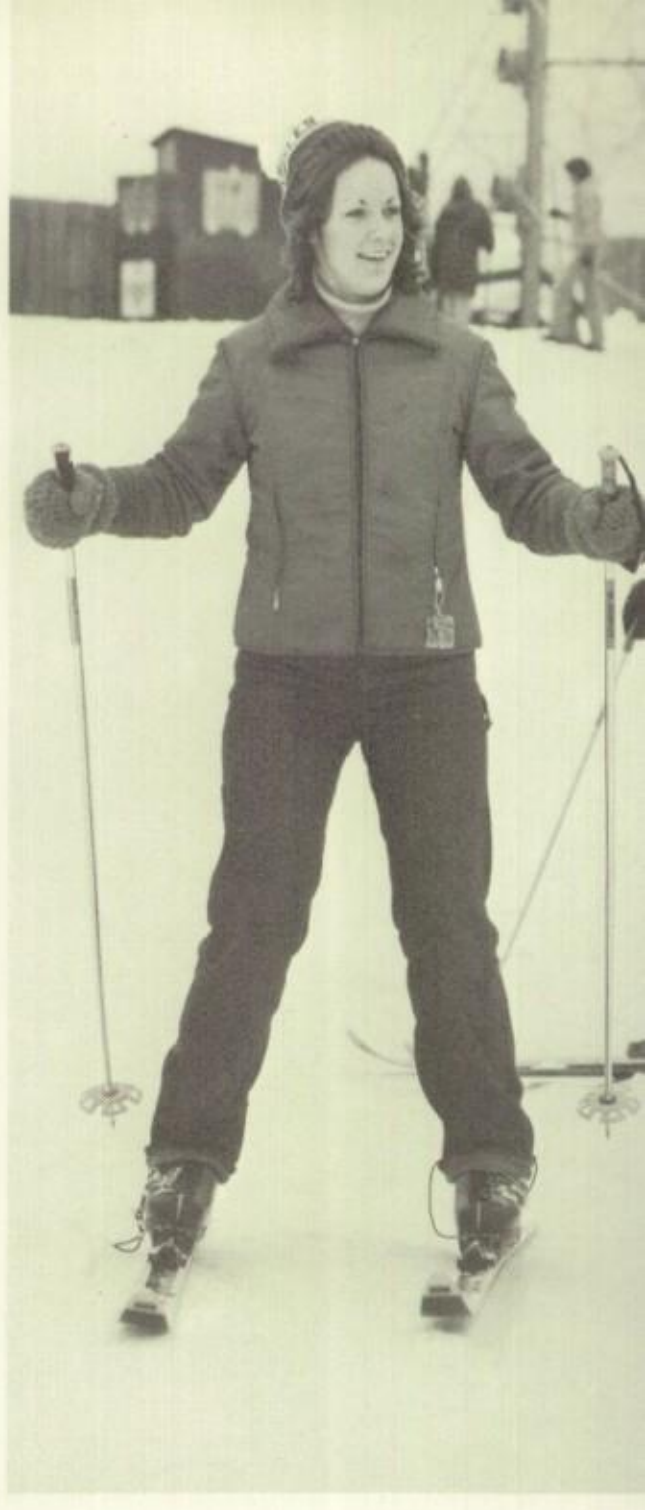
RIGHT: Making plans for the Christian Club's Selah concert, Donna DeCesco and Mr. Robert Mathers, the group's sponsor, count tickets in preparation for the event. OPPOSITE PAGE ABOVE LEFT: Carol Viazanko joins the parade in Mickey Mouse ears. ABOVE RIGHT: Lori Wissman and Wendy J. Morris select music.

BELOW LEFT: 1978 CHRISTIAN CLUB OFFICERS—FRONT ROW: Social Activities Director Terrie Kenyon, Christian Minstrel Director Wendy J. Morris and Assistant Director Lori Wissman. SECOND ROW: Secretary Pat Sperkoski, President Dave Marcotte, Treasurer Paul Maiorana and Historian Bob Dugas.

Club Members by Offering Spiritual Guidance

In the early hours of each morning, before the busy schedule of the school day began, the members of the Christian Club met for deep spiritual thoughts and enlightenment. During these devotions members would share their ideas in prayers, songs and discussions. Those few moments of tranquility helped the group to start the day just right and obtain a better understanding of their relationship with Christ.

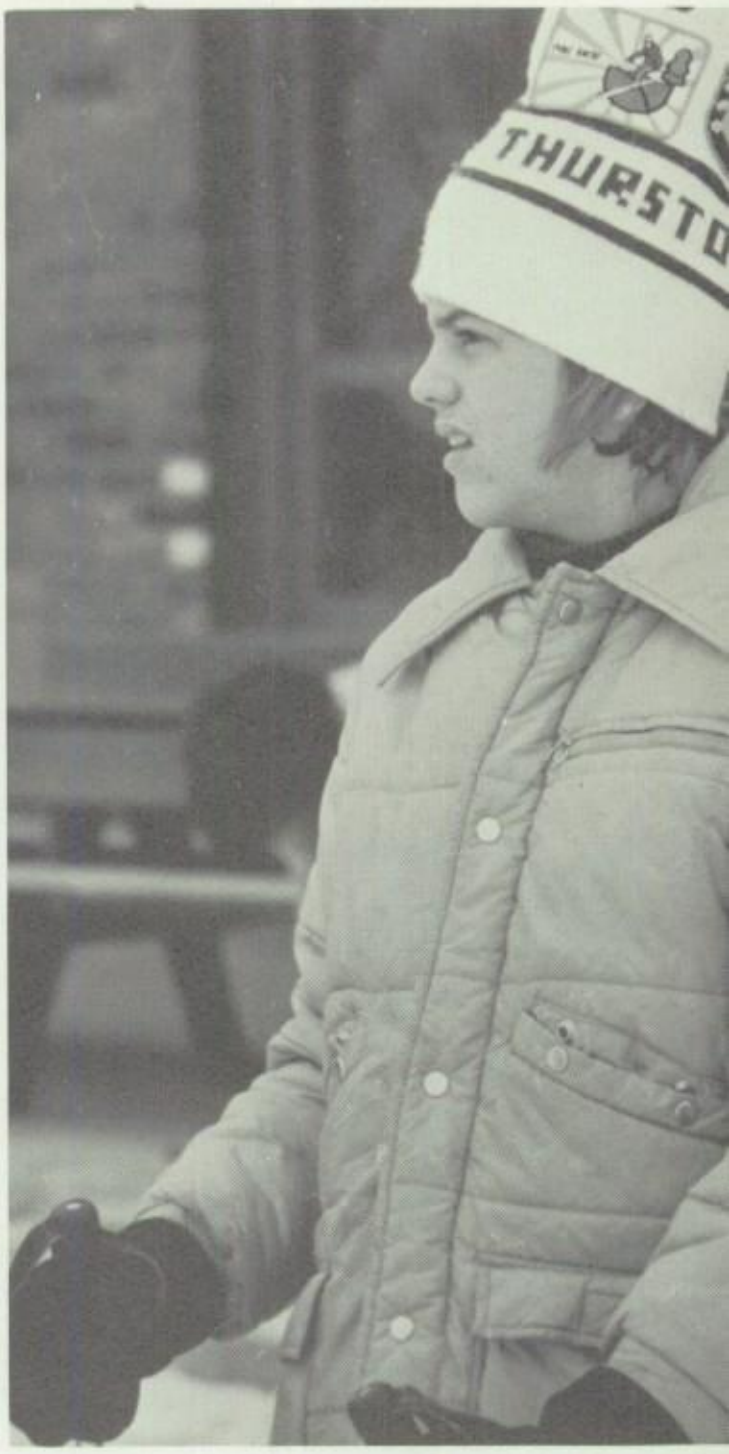
Developing their relationship with God was also furthered by the group's retreats to various parts of the state. This allowed them to increase their insight of mankind and its Creator. This past year found the club traveling to Ann Arbor in January for seminars with fellow Christians to share their views about Christ. This summer a canoe trip to Mill Lake is planned. Sharing moments of friendship as well as common faith, members of the Christian Club enjoyed the self-satisfaction of charitable contributions.



Snowy Winter

AR LEFT: Winter winds and Michigan's chilling limate combine to provide an afternoon of invigrating activity to those who dare to brave the slopes. EFT: Enjoying the excellent conditions is junior Denise Hartley. BELOW: Skiing has its ups and owns as illustrated by Fred Shaheen.

ABOVE: Sometimes the shared fun between friends creates the most enjoyment in a sport. Skiiers Jan Blackley and Bonnie Doone appreciate the snowy peaks. RIGHT: Experience widens one's scope and expands lifestyle. Mike Evans displays his badges of experience on the slopes. BELOW: On shaky knees Lori DeCesco tries out her rented skis. BELOW LEFT: Mr. Weston Vanhille instructs Guy Houseman on skiing form.



Resorts in Cross-Country, Alpine Ski Trips

Living in Michigan gives students a chance to enjoy its wintery climate and take to the ski slopes for fun and recreation. For members of Thurston's Ski Club winter months meant members had special opportunities to join the festivities of skiing. Although this sport tends to be expensive, being a part of a student group helped reduce the high cost of skiing and heightened the enjoyment because friends could share moments of cold and the frenzy of learning new techniques on the ski slopes. Although most members of the Ski Club concentrated on improving their downhill techniques, others tried cross-country skiing, where endurance and sightseeing became the rewards for their efforts. Mt. Brighton was the spot for the Ski Club's excursions, and braver souls took to the slopes for a weekend of fun at a northern resort.

1978 THESPIANS—FRONT ROW: Karen Kerr, Sally Roberts, Judy Hanba and Janet Zielke. SECOND ROW: Glen Petcavage, Kevin Modreski, Ken Swiantek, Paul Sublett and Steve Balke.

THESPIAN TROUPE OFFICERS—FRONT ROW: President Paul Sublett. SECOND ROW: Secretary Sally Roberts, Vice President Janet Zielke and Treasurer Ken Swiantek.

BELOW: With her hair in tight curlers Sally Robert applies eye liner, which is designed to highlight he eyes and make her expressions more visible t theatergoers in the audience on opening night.

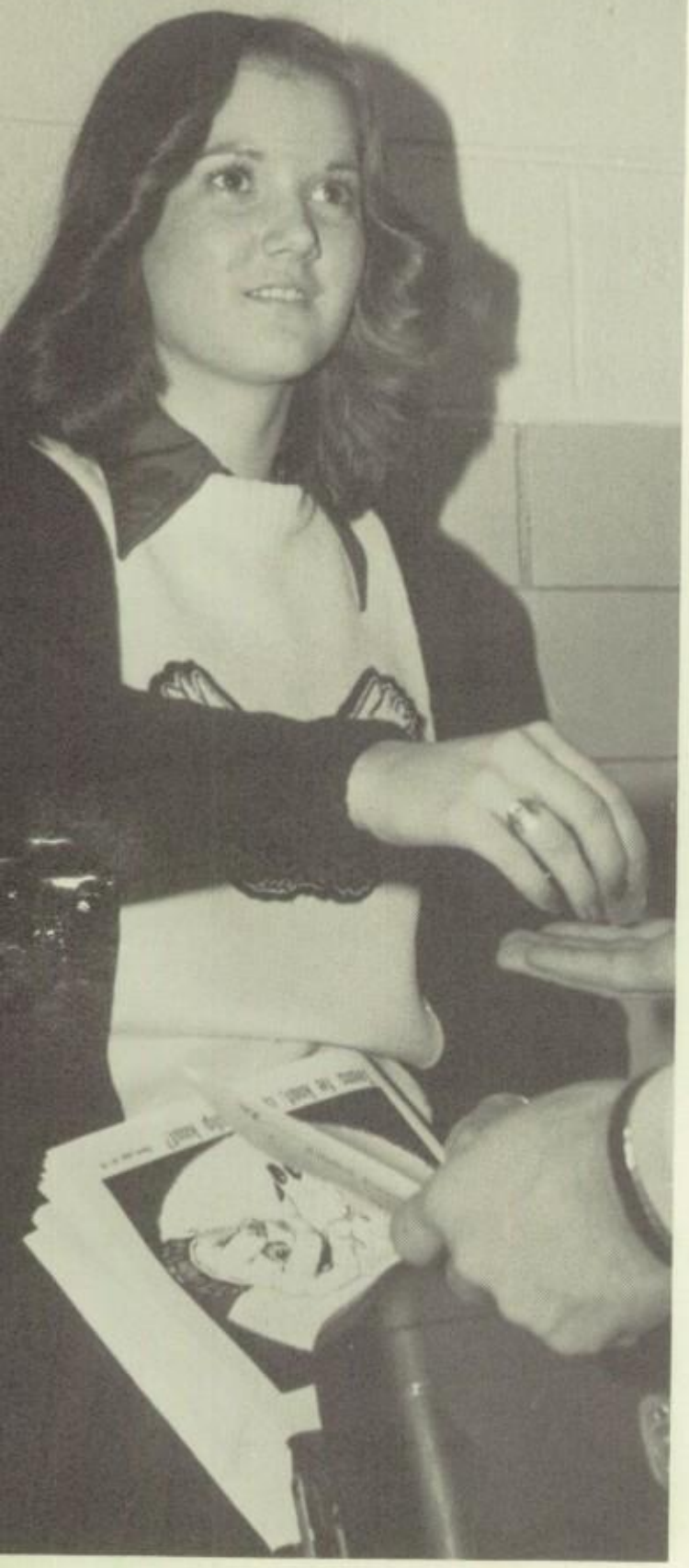
LEFT: Cathy Cutsinger helps Laurie Iliff pin her hair to be covered by a wig. BELOW: Vicki Kenderes applies the proper age lines to the face of Margaret Rozanski while (RIGHT) Laura Morris gives Ken Swiantek the right skin tone.

1978 APPRENTICE THESPIANS—FRONT ROW: Mary Ann Glomb, Diana Waddell and Margaret Rozanski. SECOND ROW: Lisa Prokop, Laura Morris, Anna Cairns, Cheryl Staron and Anita Scarlett.

Performances Cue Thespians Into Limelight

Not everyone involved in a stage production is able to experience the strange, excited feelings that opening night performers describe to fellow drama enthusiasts. Before Thespians and Apprentices ever heard the thunder of the applause that accompanied their final curtain call, tedious hours of detailed planning prepared each department for its contributions to the total success of Harvey and Bye, Bye, Birdie, this year's two plays staged by Thurston's theatre casts and crews.

New to our school this year, Mr. Ronald J. Otulakowski directed two shows and tried to make changes that would attract new students and encourage them to participate in drama activities. Mr. Dick Lambert helped construct the sets, which Steve Balke and Paul Sublett assumed the responsibility for painting. Since the Thespians needed a sponsor for meetings during school, Mr. Glenn Davis volunteered to act as a substitute and offered encouragement to those involved in creative theatre efforts.



LEFT: Aiding the Insight sales, Lori Nowotarski hands a student his change. ABOVE: Proudly displaying an Insight award, Gil Kniss and Mrs. Jacquelyn Hiller acknowledge the achievement. BELOW: Preparing a paste-up, Teri MacDonell and Rick Grima busily work on the tedious task.

Insight Pastes-Up Captivating Newsmagazine

Gossip is always spread, but if you wanted to know what was really happening in our school this year, all you had to do was read an issue of Insight, Thurston's newsmagazine, which was the finished product of much hard work and effort. The accomplishment of seeing work in print each month helped motivate members of the staff. Because the staff was small, spending extra time working on the newspaper during classes and after school was a necessity for meeting crucial deadlines.

Editor-in-chief Gil Kniss and Associate Editor Rick Grima worked closely with Mrs. Jackie Hiller, Insight's adviser, and devoted much time to help publish the award winning publication.

Insight received an International Honor Award from Quill and Scroll and an All-American rating from the National Scholastic Press Association.

LEFT: Taking time from her normal duties on the newspaper staff, Carol Suchenek folds papers soon to be sold. BELOW: Typing a chart to accompany her story, Vivian Fagan works promptly to meet the deadline. BELOW LEFT: Planning their strategy for lunch hour newspaper sales, Lisa Karczewski and Sue McKeown discuss their hopes of achieving high grosses.

Vita Staff Records '78 With 'Tomorrow, An

LEFT: Working as a team on several layouts, Sue Arama and Donna Latour find that the saying, "Two heads are better than one," is true in their case. BELOW: Preparing his camera to focus and shoot, junior Bob Dugas coaxes a model to relax before the eye of his Yashica.

ABOVE LEFT: Sharing the pride as well as the pains that occur with the development of a publication, senior editors Jan Lovelace, Lynn Bekkala and Gina Ortale often find that going a little crazy plays a big part in yearbook—especially during deadline weeks. ABOVE RIGHT: Karen Hietala and Brenda Kevelin discover indexing is a time consuming task.

Invitation From Now' Theme

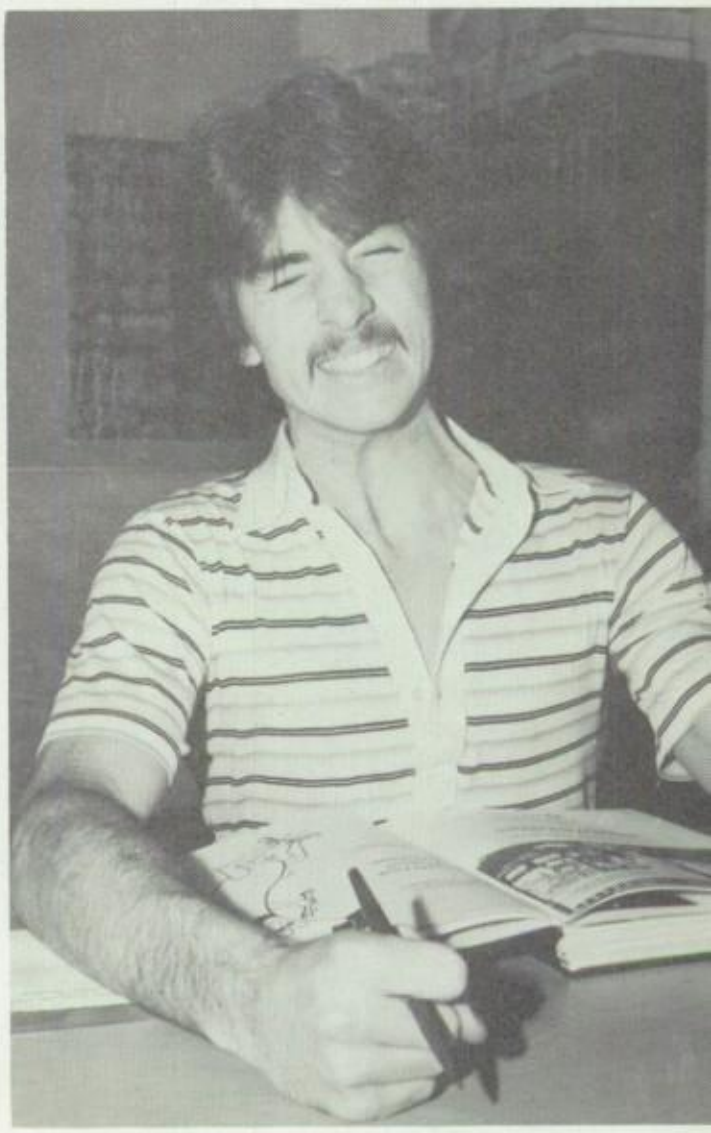
ABOVE: Combining their efforts to create a-patron ad delight, seniors Nancy Melasi and Donna Lalomia converse their way through phone-filled afternoons. FAR RIGHT: Some of the more frustrating moments of life occur during the last deadline week. In frantic pursuit of advertisements to support the yearbook, Roy Stefanko encounters success.

Two hundred fifty-six blank pages, twenty-three journalists with high expectations and one experienced adviser spent an hour a day, five days a week and thirty weeks of the year—not to mention the uncounted afternoons and evenings spent in the familiar confines of room 6B feverishly racking strained brains to develop interesting copy for an impending deadline. Somehow, amidst the endless gossip and group therapy sessions mixed with layout assignments held during the course of each class, we managed to maintain our sanity and still meet the completion date of the final draft of Vita to be sent to the publisher.

The ability to work and the inclination to worry were the two necessary characteristics that described most Vita students, but the most important quality was the attribute of devotion. Why would anyone stay after school until ten at night to revise a cutline?

Original anticipations for a problem free year proved fruitless despite good intentions. The fund raising carnation sale mania, the indecision of the yearbook cover design along with a frantic ad campaign to finance publication combined to provide the excitement needed to keep staff members involved.

ABOVE: Fund raising issues are of major importance to any self-supporting annual. The Vita being no exception, Sandy Smith learns that the yearbook sponsored carnation sales provide a fun bonus. ABOVE LEFT: Preparing to type copy, Cindi Wichowski sets the proper margin width.



Mesa Staff Creates 'Allusions

ABOVE LEFT: Editing student creative works, Algis Petrulis makes possible selections for Mesa. ABOVE: Thinking about just the right phrase for her poetic thought, Nina Pant finishes a poem. LEFT: Carolyn Lent and (BELOW) Cindy Fryer use class time to record personal thoughts on many aspects of life's perplexing questions.

LEFT: Trying to think of an appropriate title for her poem, Kathy Charron searches for an idea that will capture a reader's interest. BELOW: Lori Janowiak finishes a class assignment while (RIGHT) Leslie White makes improvements on poetry submitted by classmates, who hope to publish their imaginative creative writing poems.

BELOW FAR LEFT: Appreciating poetry from Zero Makes Me Hungry, Michele Rouleau and Sue Coe look for themes and styles of modern authors. BELOW LEFT: Preliminary typing and preparing final copies of students' works for publication keep Shelly Wiley and her cruising IBM in high gear.

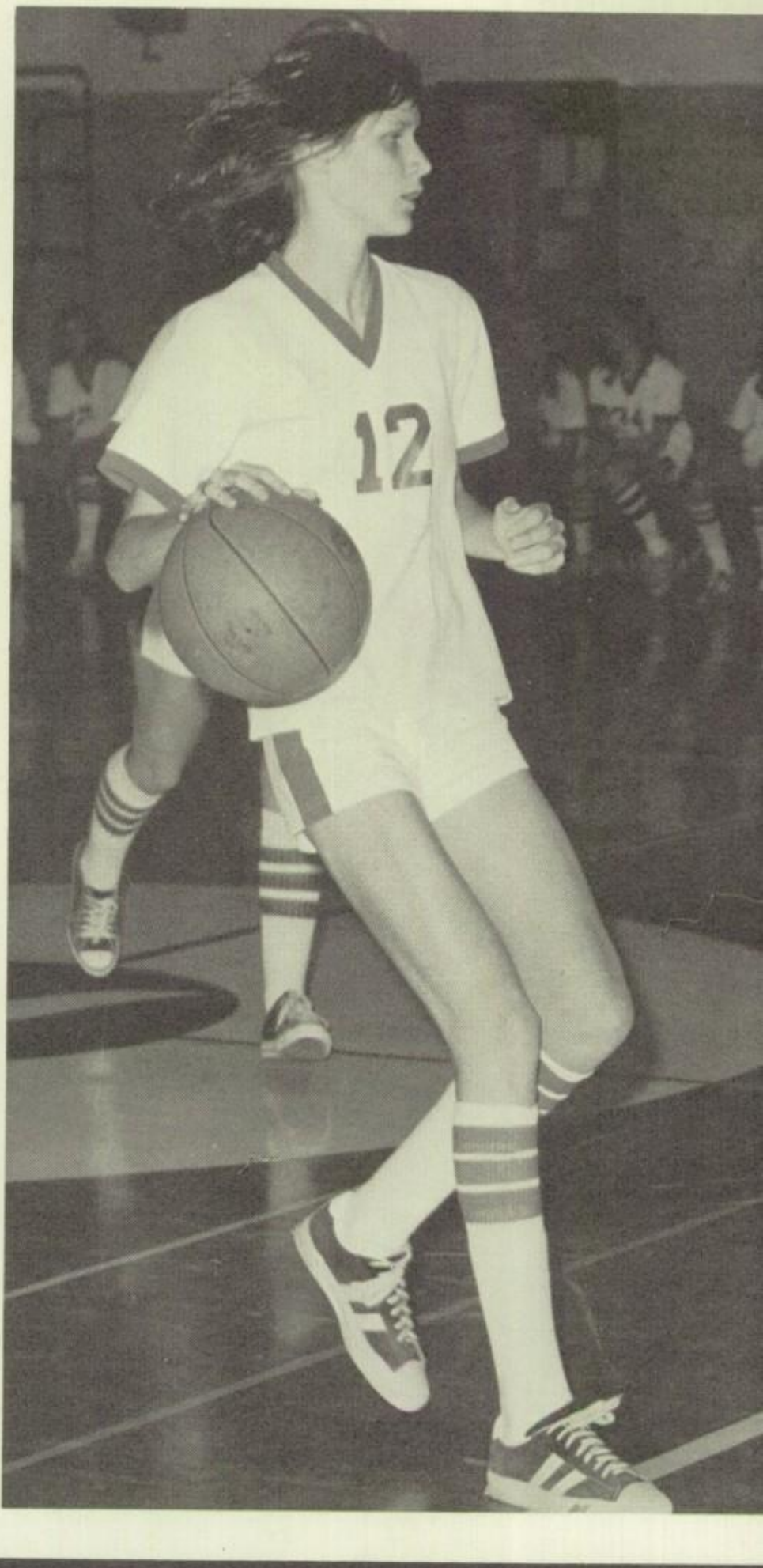
From An Open Window' With Poetic Images

Little can compare with the thrill of finishing an original poem and feeling satisfied that some insight into human nature has been suggested as an answer to a relevant question that concerns mankind. Little, that is, except having an original creative work published for others to read. Mesa, Thurston's spring literary magazine, offered student authors a chance to share personal thoughts and ideas expressed in Creative Writing assignments or independent study contributions directed to the staff.

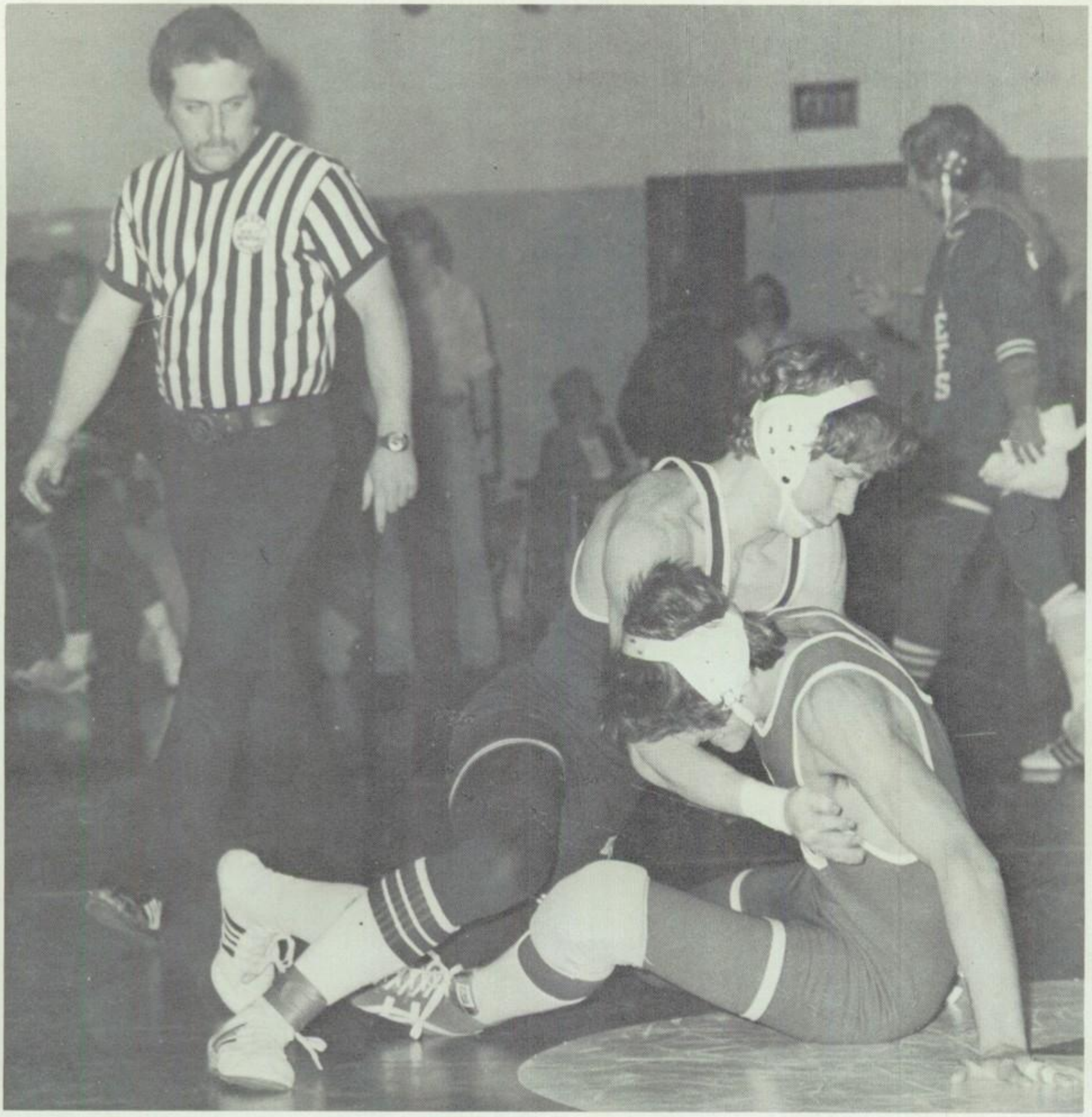
Leslie White, Algis Petrulis, Kathy Charron and Nina Pant shared the duties as editors, who worked with Mrs. Karen Brubaker, Mesa's faculty adviser, and selected students' poems for publication on the basis of theme and merit. New this year was the format, a simplified magazine style, which enabled Mesa's staff to print a larger number of poems without exceeding the funds from a small budget. Photographs related to the themes of selected works completed the images suggested by poetic language.

Helping her team through an undefeated basketball season, Beth Socall relays the ball down court for Eagle points.

One hundred forty-five pound Regional first place winner Craig Schauder completes a takedown and attempts a pin.



Individuals, separated
By rivalry yet bonded
Together by indestructible team
Loyalty, fight hard to win,
Never sacrificing the compassion
And respect of a fellow player
For the sake of numbers on a
Scoreboard. Undaunted by
Defeat, the competition begins
And the athlete enters the race.



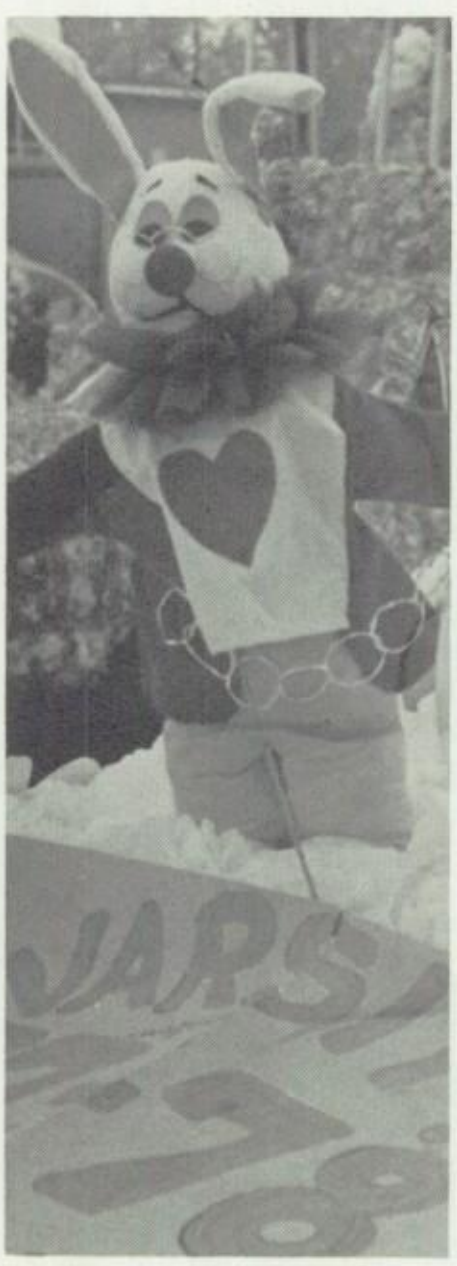
Athletics

Enthusiastic

LEFT: 1978 VARSITY CHEERLEADERS— FRONT ROW: Janet Vezina and Michele DeVries. SECOND ROW: Karen Romej, Kathy Popiel and Nancy Kelly. THIRD ROW: Atea Duncan and Dawna Pritchett. FOURTH ROW: Mary Ellen Parker. TOP: During the Homecoming pep assembly, Atea Duncan applauds the Pom Pon skit.

Cheerleaders Promote Strong School Spirit

ABOVE: Kathy Popiel displays her forceful energy in her cheers. TOP LEFT: Captain Karen Romej and Co-Captain Janet Vezina break from their busy schedules to reflect on the past year's activities. TOP RIGHT: 1978 JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS—BOTTOM: Cheryl Hallabrin, Dawn Rifenbergh and Patti Broder. TOP: Sharon Biskner, Janet Williams and Rose Torcolacci. RIGHT: The Varsity Squad exhibits their car entry.



While many of Thurston's sports require long, hard practices for a successful season, there is one sport that demands top physical conditioning and coordination throughout the entire year. This year's cheerleading squad spent each sports season perfecting new cheers with practices two to three times a week and during the summer. Their encouraging cheers sent spirits soaring at each sports event and pep assembly. Spirit Week occupied most of their free time as the girls organized much of the competition for the occasion.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Mary Jane Diamond, the Varsity Squad's fund raising projects included the selling of class year T-shirts and candy sticks. Guided by their sponsor, Mrs. Martha Hayes, the Junior Varsity members sold class year key rings.

Attending camp at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, the Varsity Cheerleaders achieved first place ratings for their notebook and ranked fourth, fifth and sixth in competition. They then qualified for Grand Nationals, where they won tenth place in the open division competition.

Pom Pon Girls

Practice, Perfect Precisioned Performances

OPPOSITE PAGE TOP: Mouseketeers Lori Nowotarski, Lynne Reid, Darlene Darga, Sue McGinn, Diane Thompson and Laura Halliday hop into the start of their Mickey Mouse Club skit. BOTTOM: Remembering the confusion that occurred while organizing fourteen girls, Co-Captains Donna Lalomia and Joanne Radke are reminded there's more to come.

As the rhythmic beat of a popular song began to play throughout the quickly hushed silence of the gym, the Pom Pon girls were once again the center of attention. After scampering hurriedly into position, they proceeded to perform the intricate movements and dancing skills practiced repeatly after school. By polishing routines to perfection and working together as a group, this year's Pom Pons kept in step with the music. From football season to Spirit Week their familiar faces were recognized as they entertained students at pep assemblies and halftime shows, where they promoted Eagle spirit whenever possible. Also a part of the marching band, the squad performed along parade routes in the community.

FAR LEFT: Stepping proudly during the Homecoming parade, Joanne Radke, Laura Taylor and Sheila Brosnan march down West Chicago to the music of the band. LEFT: Gail Ferkel stands at attention during Homecoming halftime festivities.

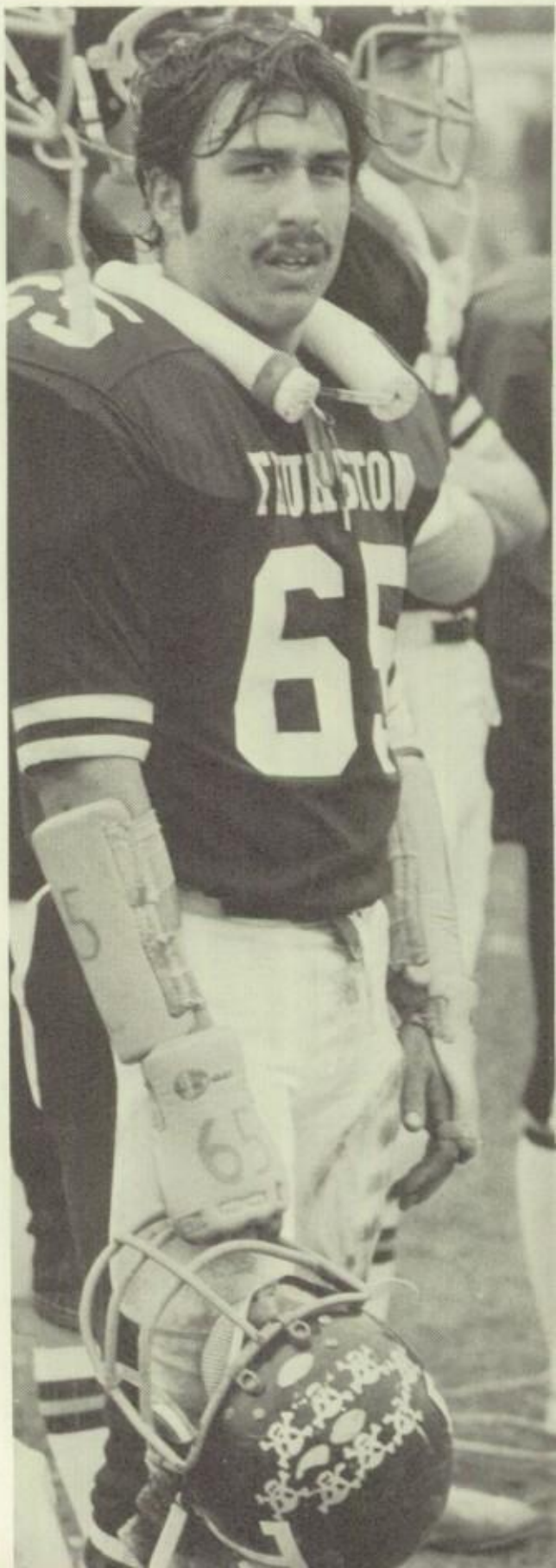
BELOW: 1978 POM PON EAGLETTES—FRONT ROW: Sandy Haberek, Sheila Brosnan, Donna Lalomia and Joanne Radke. SECOND ROW: Janet Uglean, June Serbay, Lynne Reid, Gail Ferkel, Sue McGinn and Darlene Darga. THIRD ROW: Lori Nowotarski, Diane Thompson, Laura Taylor, Kathy Anucinski, Michelle Matchulat, Laura Halliday and Miss Julie Haaxma, Pom Pon Squad Sponsor.

1977 BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM—FRONT ROW: Coach Don Riehl, Cam Hodge, Leonard Farrugia, Mark Rowley, Todd Purkiss, Mike Poisson, Mike Forsythe, Bob Cutsinger and Assistant Coach Steve Genyk. SECOND ROW: Mike Gordon, Pete Newton, Scott Kursa, Mike Reilly, Brian St. Ledger, Shawn Salisbury, John Klopcic and Mark Erickson. THIRD ROW: Managers Don Mullins and John Davis.

1977 BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM—FRONT ROW: Tom Smith, Paul Maiorana, Bruce Alderman, Matt Barbour, Craig Kelly, John Gazdecki and Assistant Coach Ron Lectka. SECOND ROW: Craig Schauder, John Corradi, Barry Alderman, Mike Fitzsimmons, Joe Lyskawa, John Valchine, Jeff Stankiewicz and Willie Gibson.

1977 BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM—FRONT ROW: Jim Boyer, Dan Janisse, Darryl Dodier, Jeff Wandyg and Kevin Krull. SECOND ROW: Petter Endsjo, Kurtis Kevelin, Dave Kutek and Ron McGraw. THIRD ROW: Coach Bob Nanni, Darren St. Ledger, Greg Donoghue, Paul Kostegian, Doug Smith and Coach Jim Wandyg.

Good Players



1977 VARSITY FOOTBALL
SEASON RECORD

THURSTON		OPPONENT
0	North Farmington	40
7	Franklin	10
0	John Glenn	28
13	Garden City East	14
Won 0	League	Lost 4
Won 0	Overall	Lost 9

Force Strong Opponents Into Close Contests

From late summer to the months of early autumn a football player's life is almost totally occupied by his sport. Scrimmages, new plays, practices and games require great amounts of time and vast rearrangements of daily schedules, but the dedication and willingness to make sacrifices for his team make all the effort and hard work seem worthwhile when game competition begins.

Though the Varsity Football Team had a disappointing record, the season was not without a long list of achievements and individual honors. Leading the team in accomplishments was Bruce Alderman, who along with teammates Todd Purkiss and Matt Barbour, shared Tri-Captains' duties.

Bruce, who received the Outstanding Receiver Award was also named Most Valuable Player and was nominated to the First All Area Team. Awarded for his superb offensive skills, junior Joe Lyskawa was chosen Outstanding Linesman while Matt Barbour was selected by his teammates as the Most Improved Player.

FAR LEFT: Carefully observing the action of the game, Leonard Farrugia lends sideline support to the offensive team on the field. ABOVE LEFT: With the determination and skill which earned him the Outstanding Back Award, junior Mike Fitzsimmons searches for an opening in a field covered with players and prepares to run. ABOVE: Since a quarterback's primary responsibility is to choose the best play at the right time, Mike Fitzsimmons looks for a receiver to salvage a play. LEFT: Assuring themselves that no more yardage is gained, Todd Purkiss and Barry Alderman assist Brian St. Ledger in a tackle.

Varsity Cagers Score Losing

LEFT: Discussing the weaknesses of the first quarter, Coach William Croteau lectures Ron Stefan and Tim Fazzini on play improvement for the second period. RIGHT: Perfectly arcing the ball Carey Dowdy buckets two for the Eagles.

RIGHT: Staring in disbelief at the referee's motion for a jump ball, junior Willie Gibson glances toward the sidelines in a desperate attempt to appeal a somewhat questionable call after a Garden City opponent falls to the floor.

1978 BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM—LEFT TO RIGHT: Carey Dowdy, Paul Maiorana, Tim Fazzini, Jeff Brinza, Ron Stefan, Jerry Bradford, Bob Fredericks, Greg May, Doug Taylor, Tom Smith, Willie Gibson and Pete Bradley. INNER CIRCLE: Coach William Croteau and Manager John Davis.

Record; End With Thriller Against Franklin

RIGHT: Watching for an open offensive player, Ron Stefan strategically plans his passing options before (BELOW RIGHT) relaying the ball to junior Tim Fazzini to complete a fast break down court, where the play is directed toward the Eagle goal.

1978 BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL SEASON RECORD

THURSTON		OPPONENT
56	Novi	44
44	*North Farmington	74
70	Redford Union	77
46	*Franklin	58
44	Bentley	56
24	*John Glenn	67
45	Stevenson	60
42	Churchill	47
51	*Garden City East	49
51	Farmington Harrison	70
39	*North Farmington	51
48	Alpena	59
48	Dearborn	67
55	Plymouth Canton	68
55	*John Glenn	69
52	*Garden City East	59
56	Southfield	60
72	Crestwood	83
54	Annapolis	82
58	*Franklin	56
Won 2	League	Lost 6
Won 3	Overall	Lost 17

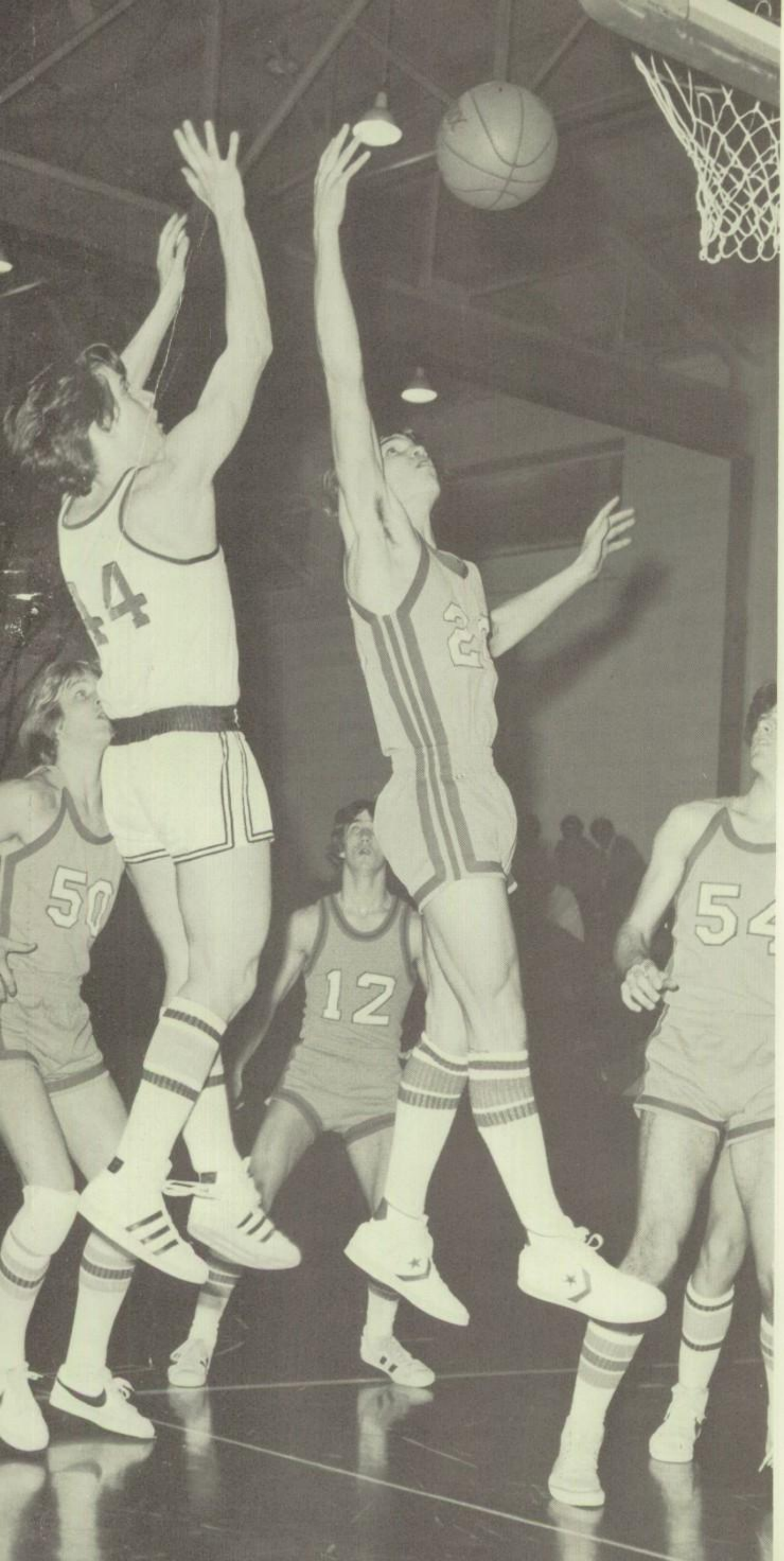
Tied for Third in League

Though the Boys Basketball Team began and ended their season on winning notes, emerging victors in games against Novi and Franklin, the music was not always as sweet. Winning just one other game during the course of the twenty game schedule, the Eagles went on to finish only third in the Northwest Suburban League. Despite the unimpressive statistics, each game provided closely matched competition, exciting basketball and a fierce determination to exert one hundred per cent from each of the twelve boys, who made up the Varsity Team roster.

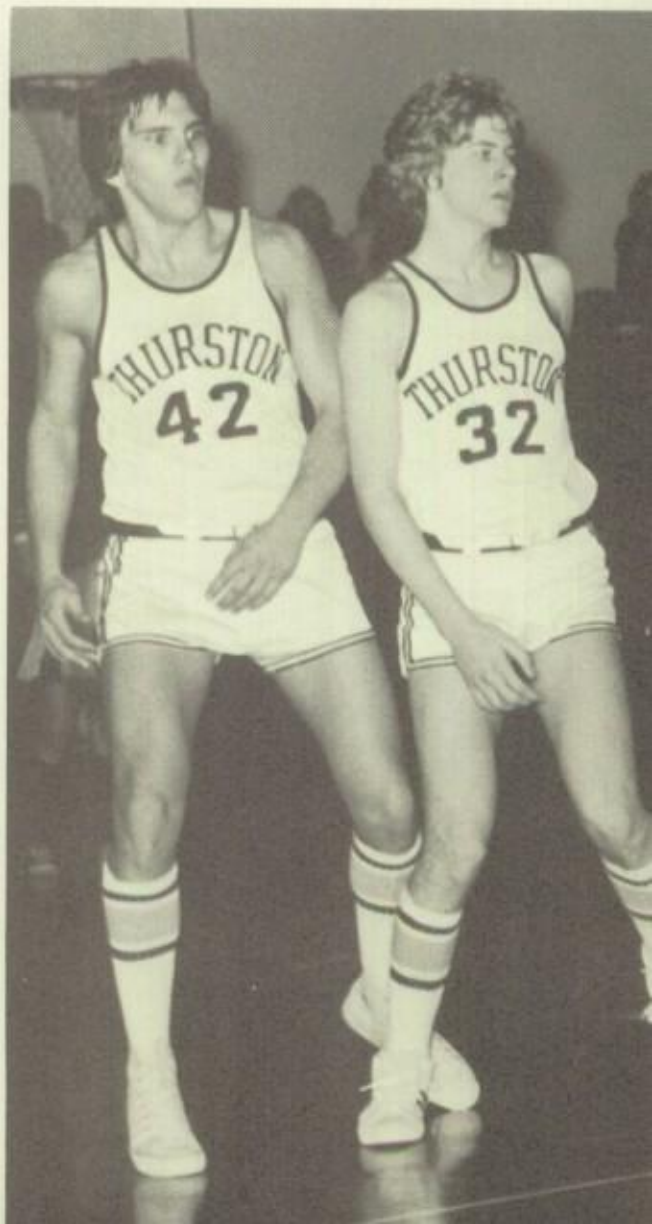
Consistently outstanding performances from senior Jerry Bradford named him Best All Around Player and earned him All League Second Team honors. Jerry along with teammate Tim Fazzini, who ended the season with an exceptional 65% free throw accuracy record and All League Honorable Mention distinctions, shared in the Pride Award designated by Coach William Croteau. Junior Carey Dowdy was chosen Most Improved Player while Tom Smith was selected as the best representative of Eagle Sportsmanship.

Although wins were few and far apart each fast paced Eagle contest resulted in a thrilling game with only a slight point margin ever separating the two rivals. But, as the saying goes, "That's the way the ball bounces!"

BELOW: Struggling for possession of a valuable ball in the crucial closing moments of a Garden City East game, Jerry Bradford springs to teammate Ron Stefan's aid only to have the play halted by the referee's call for a jump ball.



Junior Varsity



1978 BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL SEASON RECORD

THURSTON		OPPONENT
46	North Farmington	57
57	Franklin	61
32	John Glenn	41
40	Garden City East	44
48	North Farmington	63
42	John Glenn	43
49	Garden City East	50
53	Franklin	49
Won 1	League	Lost 7
Won 7	Overall	Lost 13

Tied for Third in League

OPPOSITE PAGE FAR LEFT: Leaping from the floor to shoot for two points, Tim Roughley's shot is snatched from midair by a fighting Panther. LEFT: Coming in fast for a lay-up shot, Phil Beck follows the action and takes careful aim for the basket.

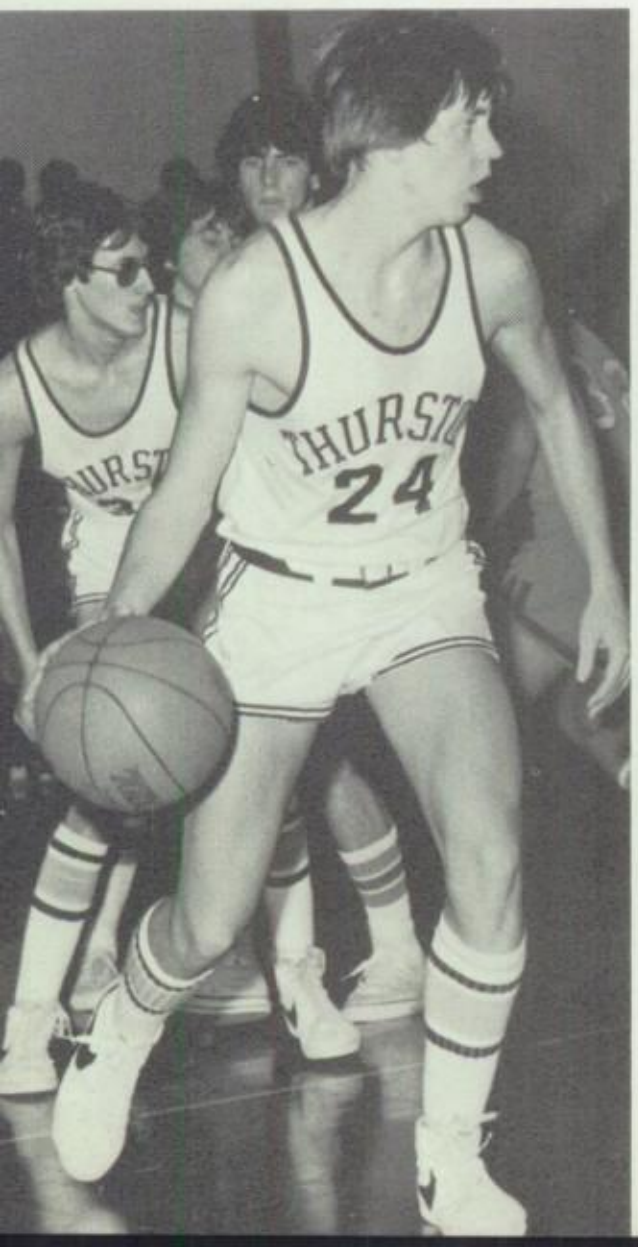
LEFT: Being able to think fast as the action moves from one end of the court to the other means players can get set for strategic moves. Shouting encouragement, Coach Bob Nanni, Paul Kostegian and Alan Pouget watch with interest as the team battles for a victory.

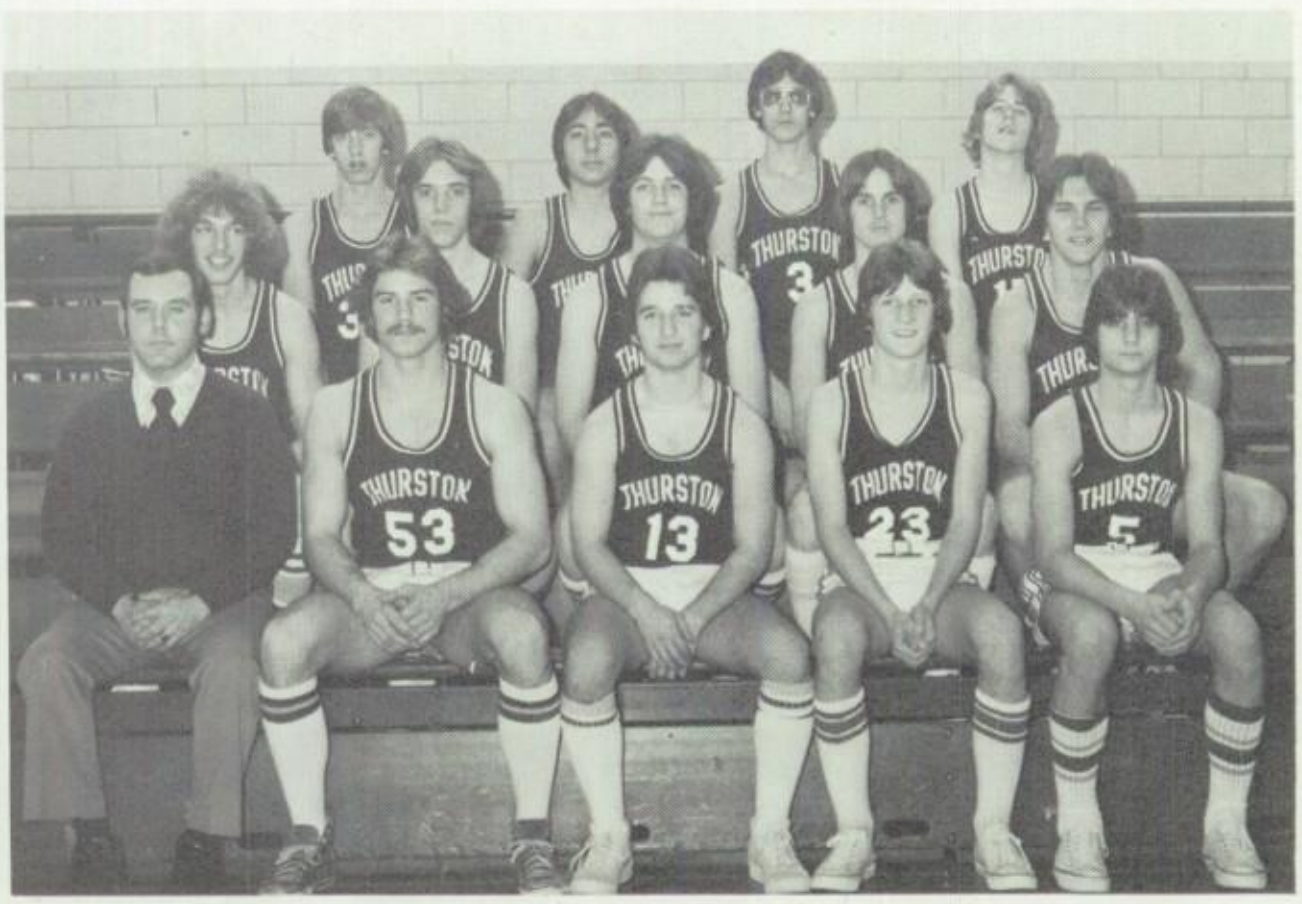
"Inconsistent, aggressive—a physical and capable winner," commented Coach Bob Nanni as he talked about the Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Team. Tied for third place in league competition, they finished with a 1-7 record but scored 7 wins and 13 losses in overall play. Meeting eight undefeated teams, the Eagles beat four of them and proudly defeated their tough Southfield rivals.

Individual honors went to Most Valuable Player Mark Maddock, top rebounder Mike Fitzsimmons, top scorer Rob White and Most Improved Players Shawn Salisbury and Paul Kostegian. A new school record of 28 of 33 shots at the free-throw line was set in the game against Annapolis to give the players a formidable win. No regular captains were established for each game because honorary captains were selected to lead their team for each special performance on the court. With a better understanding of basketball strategy players will advance to next season's varsity team.

BELOW LEFT: Teamwork means points on the board so following a play is important because action on the court sometimes reverses. Shawn Salisbury and Mark Maddock wait for the action to turn as Rob White maneuvers around an opponent.

Cagers Set New School Free Throw Record

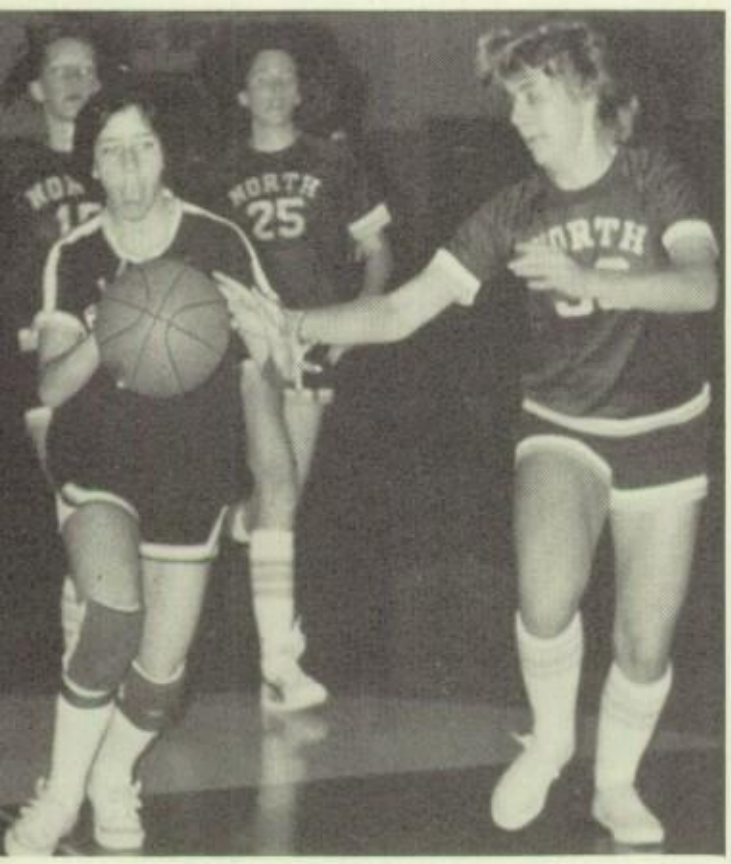




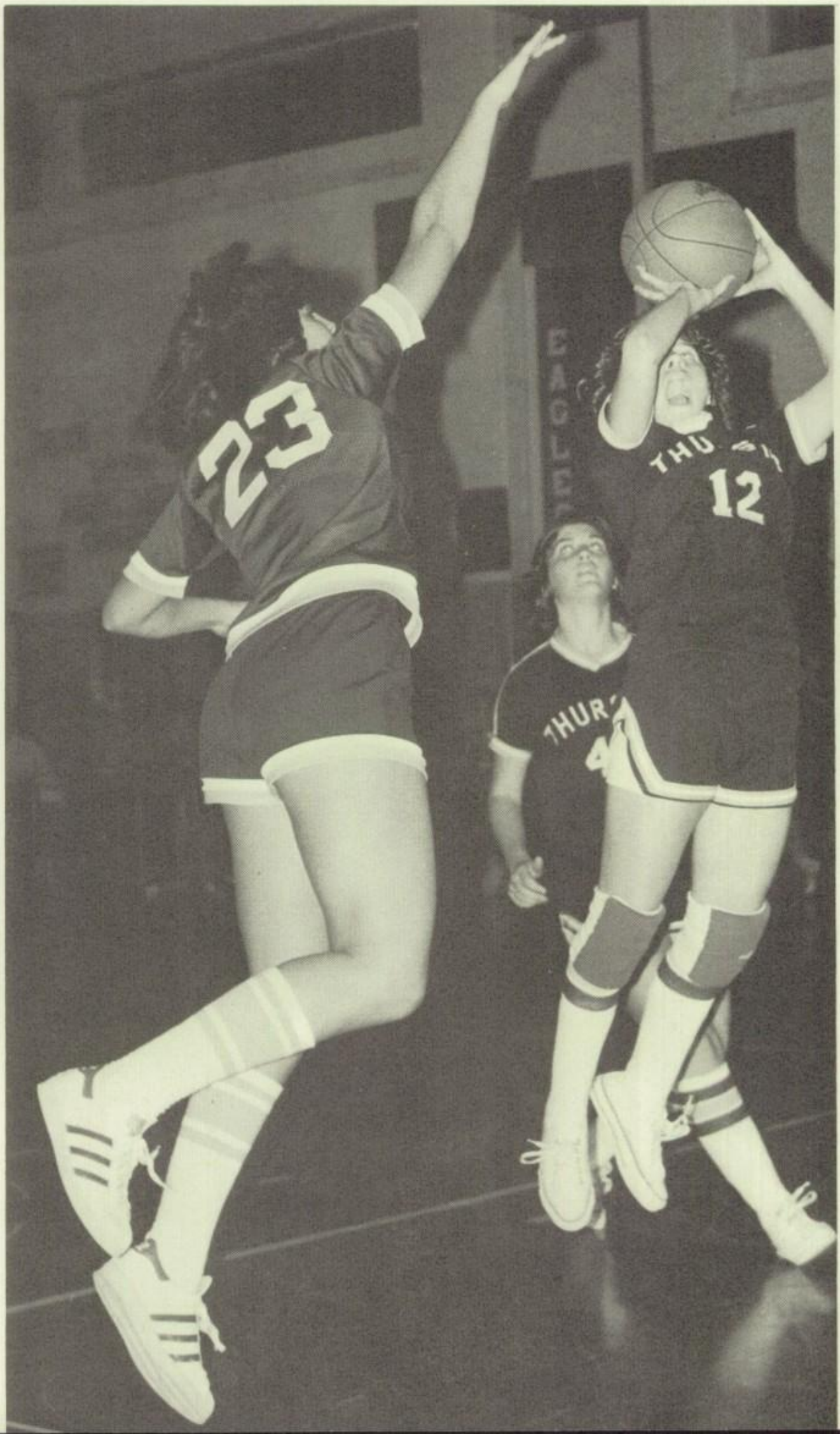
1978 JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM—FRONT ROW: Coach Bob Nanni, Mike Fitzsimmons, Paul Kostegian, Don Mullins and Scott Sawaya. SECOND ROW: Matt Mitchell, Chuck Wehde, Greg Donoghue, Alan Pouget and Shawn Salisbury. THIRD ROW: Rob White, Joel Churchill, Phil Beck and Mark Maddock.

Six Wins in League Contests

BELOW: Though height is a definite advantage in the game of basketball, strategy and co-ordination are essential. Demonstrating that little people can be just as effective on the court as those who are taller, Anne Biskner dribbles the ball to the Thurston goal and (RIGHT) pockets two more valuable points for the Eagle team.



TOP: With the net as her target senior Linda Spicer fires a perfect shot to add two more points to an already overloaded scoreboard. OPPOSITE PAGE LEFT: Excitement, enthusiasm and exhaustion are expressions of a tiring and suspense filled game. In an end of the quarter pep talk Coach Jane Robey emphasizes the importance of teamwork to Linda Spicer, Sue Beger, Jill Meyette, Lynda Klotz, Colleen Hamel, Sue Haberek, Debby Romej and Gina Maceratini. RIGHT: Prepared for a tip off from her team-mate, Gina Maceratini awaits the referee's signal.



Bucket Championship for Girls Varsity Team

With just the right ingredients required to win a League Championship, the Girls Varsity Basketball team ended their season with a flawless league record.

Captain, Most Valuable Player and member of the First Team All Area, Linda Spicer led the team in honors. One of only two senior players, Linda set three new school records becoming the highest rebounder with 315, earning the highest total points with 304 and scoring the most points in a single game with 27. Along with Linda, teammate Anne Biskner was selected for the First Team All League and was also awarded a position on the Third Team All Area. Second Team All League recognition went to juniors Lori LeVeque and Gina Maceratini while Robin Luedtke was elected Most Improved Player.

1977 GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM—FRONT ROW: Colleen Hamel, Debby Romej, Jill Meyette, Linda Spicer, Anne Biskner and Sue Haberek. SECOND ROW: Lori LeVeque, Lynda Klotz, Sue Beger, Coach Jane Robey, Gina Maceratini, Theresa Dattilo and Robin Luedtke.

1977 GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL SEASON RECORD

THURSTON		OPPONENT
63	Franklin	34
73	John Glenn	46
60	North Farmington	40
57	Franklin	39
43	John Glenn	32
50	North Farmington	41
Won 6	League	Lost 0
Won 14	Overall	Lost 6

Northwest Suburban League Champions

Smooth Team

BELOW: Keeping an opponent from reaching her goal, Barb Beebe blocks the forward progress of a Harrison rival. Setting a new school record for rebounds, Barb quickly grabbed missed shots.

RIGHT: When play begins with a jump ball, all players' eyes are on the tip off. Strategic placement of teammates can mean an extra two points for the highest leap. Theresa Moran stretches in her attempt to control the action.

1977 GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM—FRONT ROW: Kathy Klotz, Joni Haney, Janice Bearance, Danita Weber, Carolyn DeCarli, Maggie Woodley and Lory Pirrello. SECOND ROW: Ruth Anne Cox, Theresa Moran, Barb Beebe, Beth Socall, Coach George Heger, Chris Baier, Jean Rowley, Carol Nagle and Nancy Ried. Most Valuable Player was Jean Rowley, who set two new school records.

Sinks Rivals With Perfect Basketball Record

1977 JUNIOR VARSITY
GIRLS BASKETBALL
SEASON RECORD

THURSTON	OPPONENT	
41	Franklin	23
31	John Glenn	4
61	North Farmington	11
43	Franklin	21
46	John Glenn	21
56	North Farmington	6
63	Garden City East	27
Won 7	League	Lost 0
Won 18	Overall	Lost 0

Northwest Suburban
League Champions

LEFT: Jean Rowley controls the ball on her way to the basket for two points. BELOW: On a fast break to the Eagle end of the court Nancy Ried passes slower opposition and concentrates on the right moment to sink the basketball into the net.

The 1977 Girls Junior Varsity Basketball Team claimed the Northwest Suburban League title by breaking many existing school records and by overpowering their opponents with high scores. No other team was a match for the Eagles, who worked as a team, practiced with dedication and executed basketball strategy to win every contest on the court. Especially proud of their wins in league, team members were equally pleased with their impressive overall record of 18 wins and 0 losses during their perfect season.

Twice the team broke the Junior Varsity record for the most points scored in a single game, and Thurston overwhelmed Clarenceville with an 89 to 12 scoreboard tally. Jean Rowley, who was this year's Most Valuable Player, scored the most points in a game with 26 and the most points in a season when she scored 276. Barb Beebe came off the boards with the most rebounds to set a new school record of 190.

BELOW RIGHT: Often the swimmer's stroke, his kick and the way he paces himself determine the success of the trial. Butterflyer Fred Rousseau exhibits his talents as he competes in a grueling race to win. OPPOSITE PAGE LEFT: An important factor in the evaluation of a skilled dive is the smoothness of the diver's entry into the water. Guy Houseman prepares for a perfect finish after executing a one and one-half forward somersault. RIGHT: The degree of difficulty associated with an attempted dive increases its rating after a successful completion. Greg Martineac displays his natural skill in performing a reverse in layout position. RIGHT (INSET): An athlete who is compelled to excel drives beyond the limits of his practiced capabilities. With determination Jon Blakely polishes his backstroke style by developing improved techniques helpful in maintaining speed and a winning time.

1978 BOYS SWIMMING TEAM—FRONT ROW: Terry DesAutels, Dave Drinkert, Jim Cobane, Dave O'Bradovich and Al Moilanen. SECOND ROW: Coach Bob Jenrow, Tom Giummo, Ken Stojak, Greg Martineac, Guy Houseman, Joel Britton and Al Stern. THIRD ROW: Leonard Kierszkowski, Steve Rousseau, Chris Headrick, Jon Blakely, Fred Rousseau, Dave Miller, Kevin Bennett and John Giummo.

Swimmers Pool Talents in Attempts To Sink

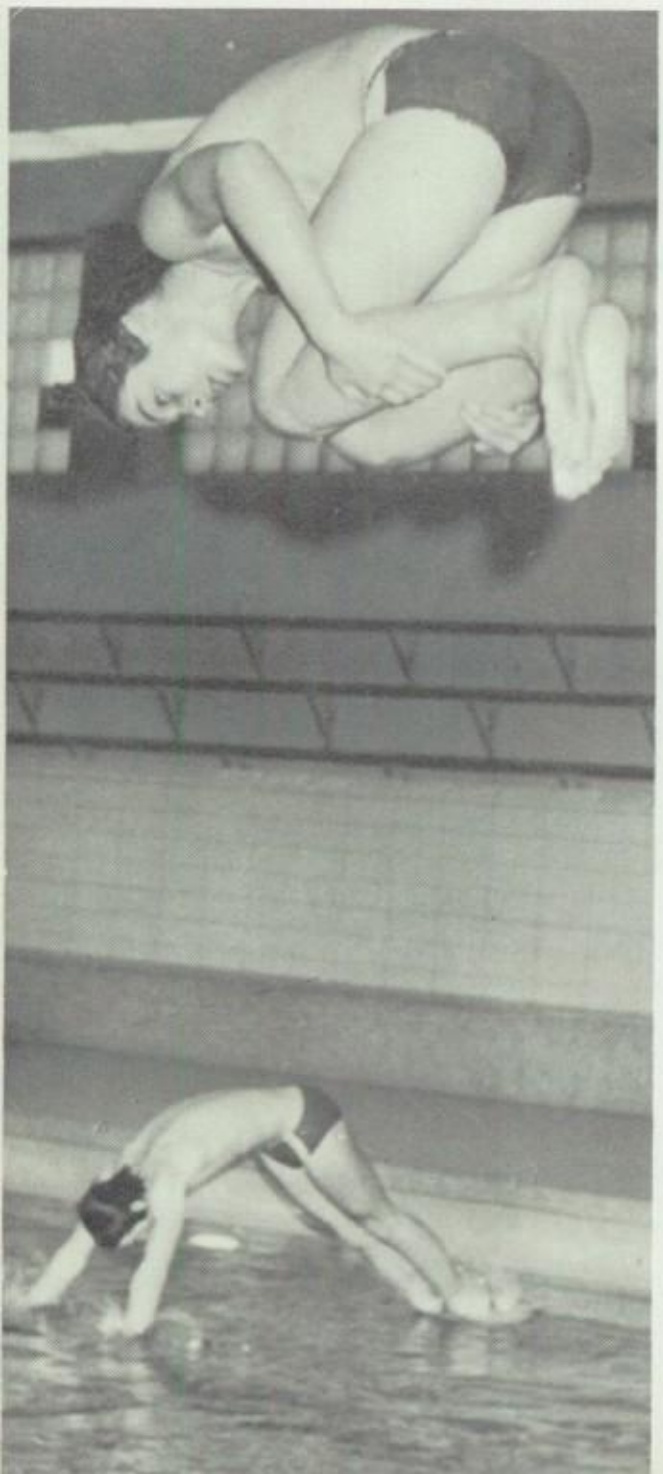
As nineteen alarm clocks signaled the beginning of another day, Thurston's swimmers gathered in the pool six days a week, twice each day, to practice and build endurance. With the encouragement of Coach Bob Jenrow members of the team maintained a positive attitude through a disappointing season. Placing fourth in league, they enjoyed individual successes as younger swimmers gained experience for next year. Divers Greg Martineac and Guy Houseman advanced to the Regional Diving Competition by placing fourth and fifth respectively in league. Performing consistently, Co-Captain and Most Valuable Swimmer Jon Blakely placed second in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:00.6. Co-Captain Fred Rousseau placed third in the 100-yard butterfly at 1:01.2 and fourth in the 200-yard individual medley with 2:18.9 while Ken Stojak took fifth in the 50-yard freestyle, and Steve Rousseau was elected Most Improved Swimmer. Making the most of his somewhat limited competitive swimming experience, sophomore Dave Miller set a new school record of 5:15.2 in the 500-yard freestyle, an event where he recorded consistently impressive times.

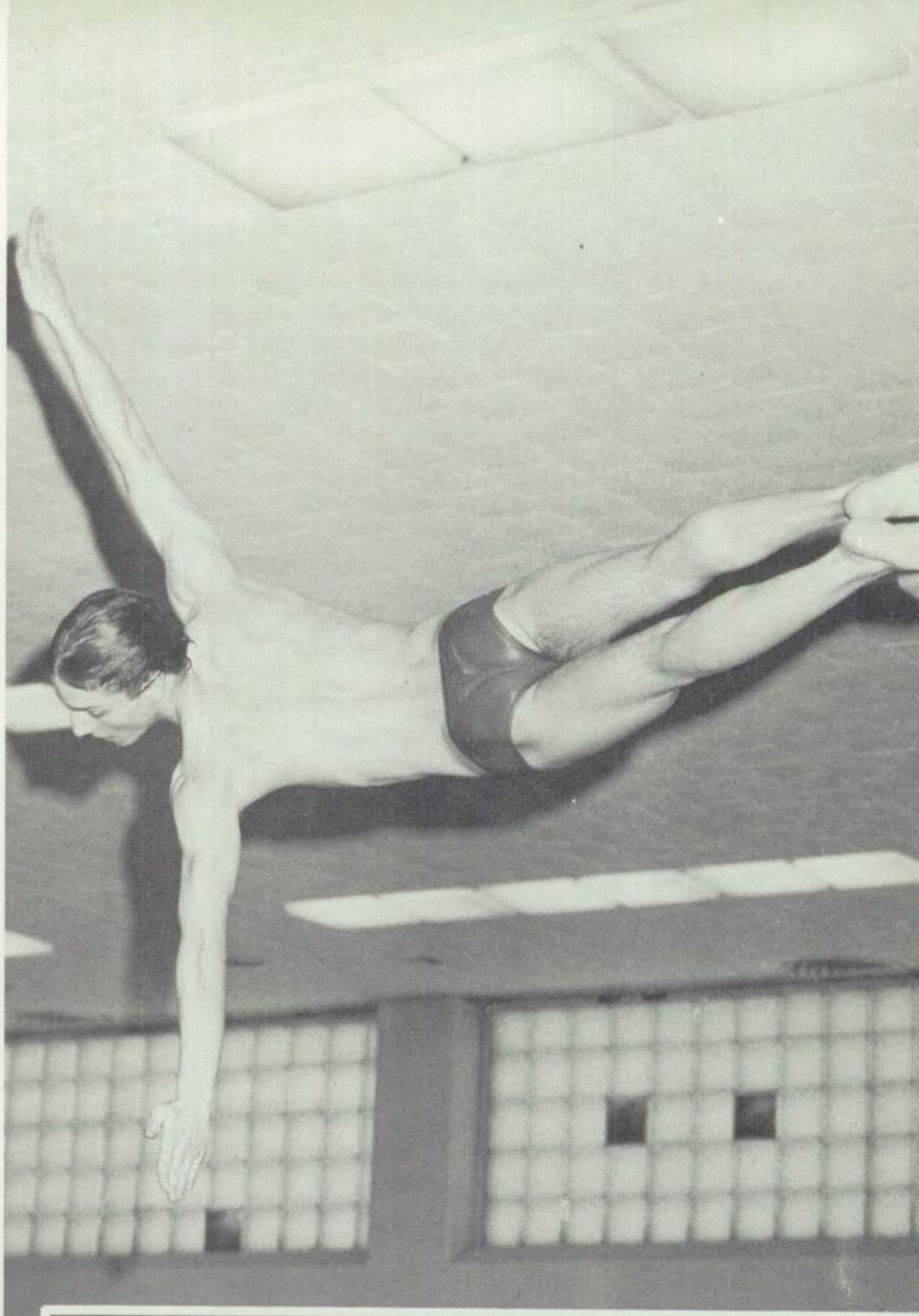
1978 BOYS VARSITY SWIMMING
SEASON RECORD

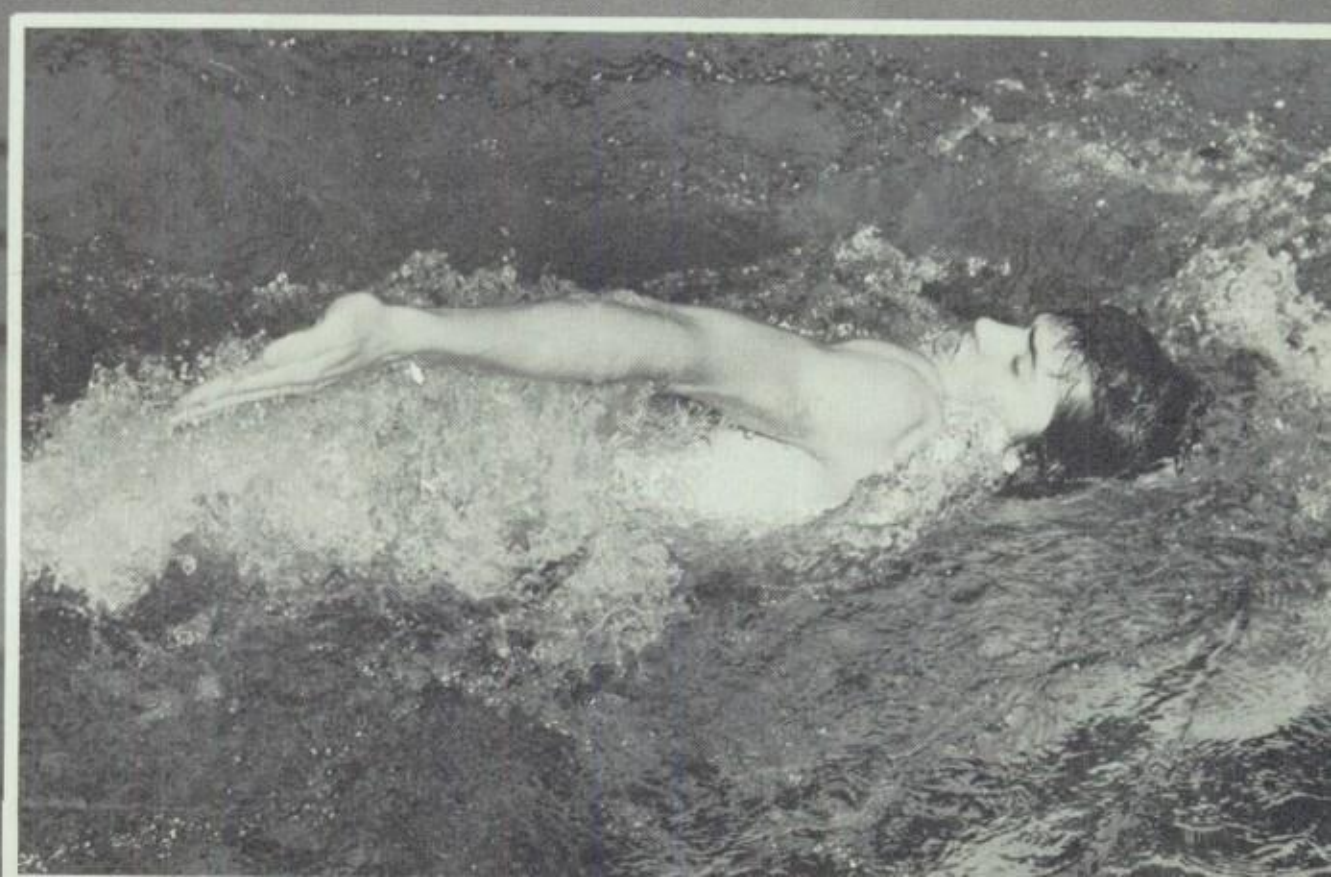
THURSTON	OPPONENT	
74	North Farmington	98
65	Franklin	107
70	John Glenn	97
97	Garden City East	74
Won 1	League	Lost 3
Won 3	Overall	Lost 13

Fourth in League

Strong Rivals







RIGHT: Weeks of long practice hours prepare a swimmer for the strong competition faced in league meets. For this year's Captain Mary Baghdoian, who chooses to protect sensitive eyes from the harsh chemicals used to keep Thurston's pool in condition, coordinating arm movements and breathing techniques during a freestyle practice session helps her to develop an individual routine, which gives her the confidence to perform well when the pressure of a league meet demands her best time.

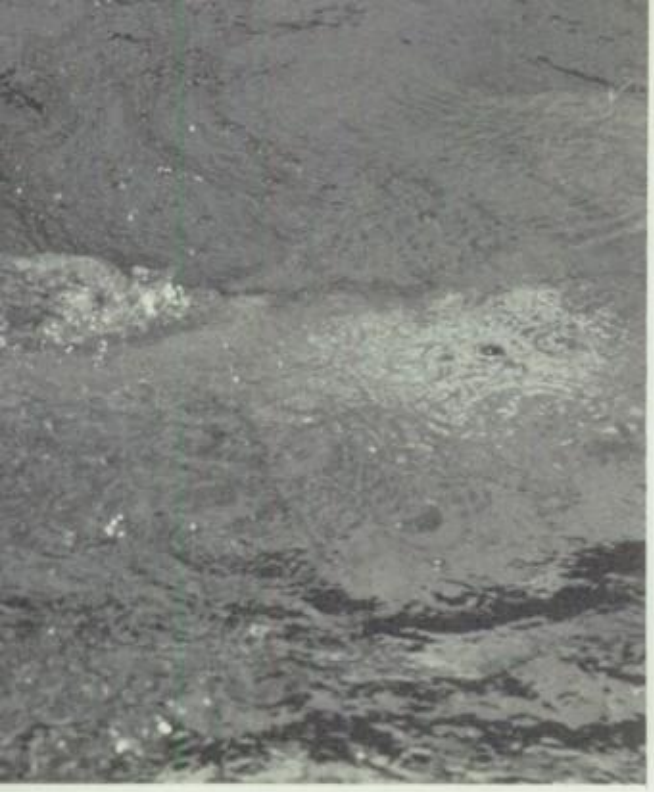
1977 GIRLS SWIMMING TEAM—FRONT ROW: Veronica Veresh, Carol Butts, Annette Bohrer, Kim Krueger and Patty McGhie. SECOND ROW: Coach Bob Jenrow, Marianne Adams, Linda Zwarun, Janet Fox, Lyn Tavares, Carol Bashara, Mary Baghdoian and Kelly Durston. THIRD ROW: Beth McAskin, Melissa Matthews, Renee Bell, Sharon Forrester, Margaret Rozanski, Janet McPherson and Phyllis Benkovsky.

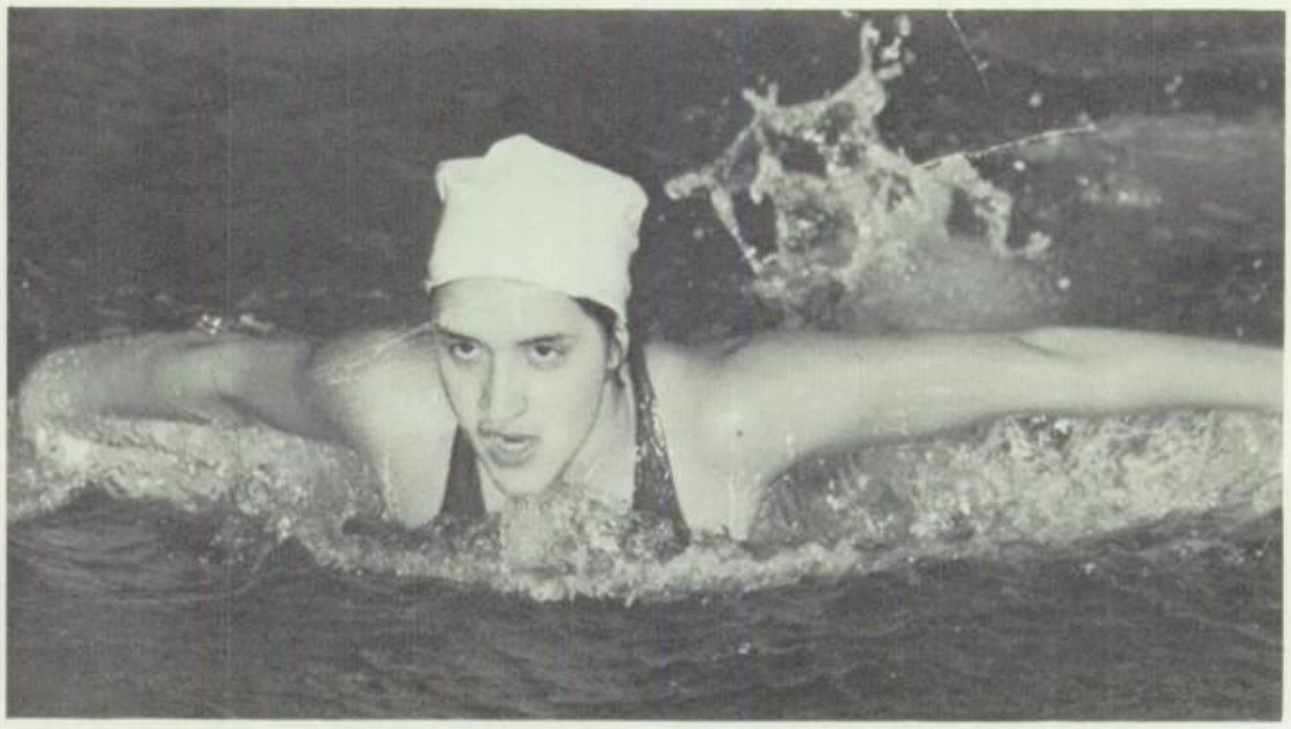
1977 GIRLS SWIM TEAM
SEASON RECORD

THURSTON		OPPONENT
67	Franklin	98
63	John Glenn	109
82	Franklin	89
61	North Farmington	110
58	John Glenn	113
61	North Farmington	109
Won 0	League	Lost 6
Won 2	Overall	Lost 15

Fourth in League

More Experienced Swimmers





Plunge Through Season; Capture First Meets

LEFT: Remaining comfortable as her face becomes partially submerged by waves from movement of her body gliding through the water, Veronica Veresh maintains her pace as she tries to improve her backstroke.

ABOVE: Rhythm and coordination help a swimmer develop a polished style. Although the backstroke is more difficult than some strokes, Renee Bell shows the straight, extended arm movement, that is necessary to move smoothly and create the least body resistance.

Endless conditioning and intense concentration before competitive meets established the training policy for this year's swimmers. Each member of the team accepted the responsibility of individual sacrifices and became determined to defeat superior and more experienced opponents. This season was special for the Girls Swim Team, for during their challenging contests they scored their first two victories in the history of Thurston's Girls Swim competition. Team members selected this year's Captains, Mary Baghdoian and Sherry Evans, whose experience and enthusiasm encouraged their teammates to meet the challenges offered by the competition.

In almost every event the existing school record was broken by a hard working member of this year's team. Most Valuable Player Carol Bashara now holds school records in four individual events. Her times of 1:19.6 for the butterfly, 6:50.8 for the 500-yard freestyle, 2:46.0 for the 200-yard individual medley and 1:21.9 for the 100-yard breaststroke gave her distinguished honors. Most Improved Swimmer Veronica Veresh was a member of the teams that set new records of 2:17.8 for the 200-yard medley relay and a time of 4:37.5 in the 400-yard freestyle.

ABOVE: The swimmer has available to her a variety of strokes. Not afraid of a difficult challenge, Carol Bashara works to improve her time using the butterfly, considered by many to be the most strenuous swimming technique. Using moments out of the water, she gasps for air.

Reynolds, Hess Run Over Area Rivals

There is no greater feeling in the world than that of self-accomplishment, knowing that you have achieved something on your own with your own motivation and your own natural abilities. It is a feeling that comes with putting forth one hundred and ten per cent and goes hand in hand with the satisfaction of knowing that you've done your very best. What makes this feeling even greater is realizing that your best is good—very good—worthy of praise, respect and recognition from all.

The 1977 Cross Country team was able to taste this satisfaction not only as a group but on an individual basis as well. A strong team, runners faced each meet with positive attitudes, determined to do their best and as a result gained an outstanding season record of eight wins and two losses. Two top runners, seniors Brian Hess and Curt Reynolds, undefeated by any other opponent in a duel meet the entire season, went on to share in All League Honors with Brian placing third and Curt winning the League Championship. Advancing to Regionals, Brian placed sixth while Curt finished second. These performances qualified both for competition in the State meet, where Brian placed twelfth on the tough three mile Grand Rapids course with a time of 15:20 and Curt with a time of 14:47 became the new 1977 Michigan State Cross Country Champion, placing first among competitors from Class A high schools across the entire state.

A Cross Country runner is respected. He has an acquired ability that comes only with self-control, self-discipline and self-confidence. He is expected to withstand the roughest terrain and survive the most inclement weather. Cross Country is not a spectator's sport; it is a sport that involves the runner, his mind and most of all his desire to run. This year's Cross Country team had it all...

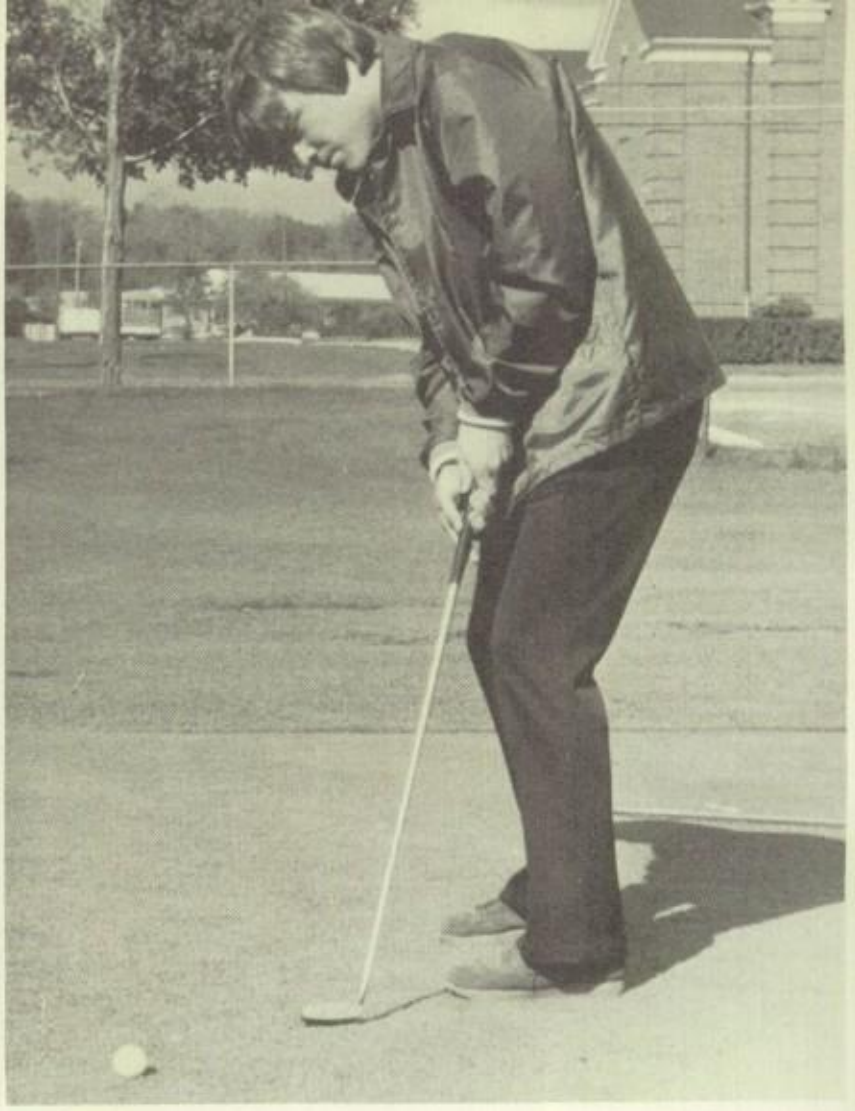
FAR RIGHT: Pacing themselves in the style that kept them undefeated by any other opponent all season, Curt Reynolds and Brian Hess look toward the finish line in anticipation of new individual low times. RIGHT: Cross Country depends on various terrains to challenge runners. Senior Jon Blakely crosses an unusual stretch of flat land after passing through the hills and swamps of the tough Cass Benton course.

1977 COED CROSS COUNTRY TEAM—FRONT ROW: Bruce Hess, Jon Blakely, Tim Roughley, Brian Hess, Jeff Hunt, Curt Reynolds, Dave Marcotte and Coach Ray Williams. SECOND ROW: Rudy Troy, Liz Woodley, Chuck Kostegian, Joe Benedict, Mike Bauman, Dana Lupher, Wes Rujan, Tom Klieber, Dan McAskin, Bruce Gleba, Mike Heger, Kevin Boland, Dan Rice and Diane Wester.

1977 CROSS COUNTRY
SEASON RECORD

THURSTON		OPPONENT
25	North Farmington	30
19	Franklin	36
31	John Glenn	26
27	Garden City East	28
Won 3	League	Lost 1
Won 8	Overall	Lost 2
	Third in League	

1977 GOLF TEAM—FRONT ROW: Joel Churchill, John McPherson, Pete Bradley, Bob Shrimpton and Joe Proben. SECOND ROW: Bill DeVries, Roy Stefanko, Mike Bonanno, Bob Pearson, Ken Alberti, Bill Orrick, Algis Petrulis, Phil Snyder and Coach Jim Copp.



Varsity Golf Team Ties for Championship in

Nothing can match the satisfaction that comes with sinking a difficult putt. But putting is only one part of the game and members of this year's Golf Team did more than win challenging matches when they tied with North Farmington for the Northwest Suburban League Championship with a 13-3 won-loss record. Winning Regionals and the Plymouth Best Ball Tournament proved to be the moments of glory that led to victory in League, but scoring high in State Championship competition gave the golfers a devastating disappointment.

Twice this year members of the five-man team tied the school record of 183. All League honors were awarded to Bill Orrick and Ken Alberti, who was named this year's Most Valuable Player. Mike Bonanno was named Most Improved Player with his success at shaving unnecessary strokes from final scores.

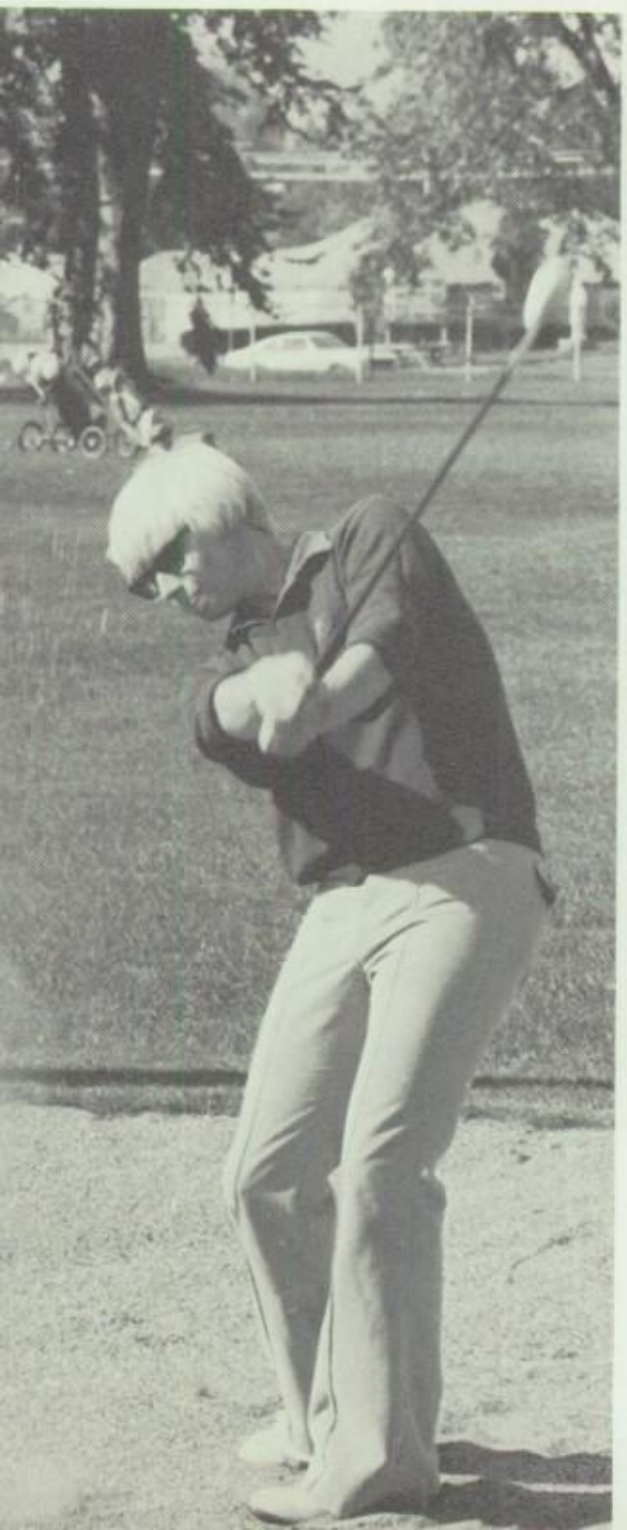
ABOVE RIGHT: Reading the break on a challenging green, Bob Shrimpton tries to sink his putt. OPPOSITE PAGE FAR RIGHT: Powering a long drive, Bob Pearson places his shot in the middle of the fairway. RIGHT: Bill Orrick blasts his shot from a trap while Roy Stefanko expresses his shock at the ease of a great shot, and Bob Pearson calmly leans on his club. LEFT: Showing expert form, Ken Alberti drives his tee shot toward the flag.

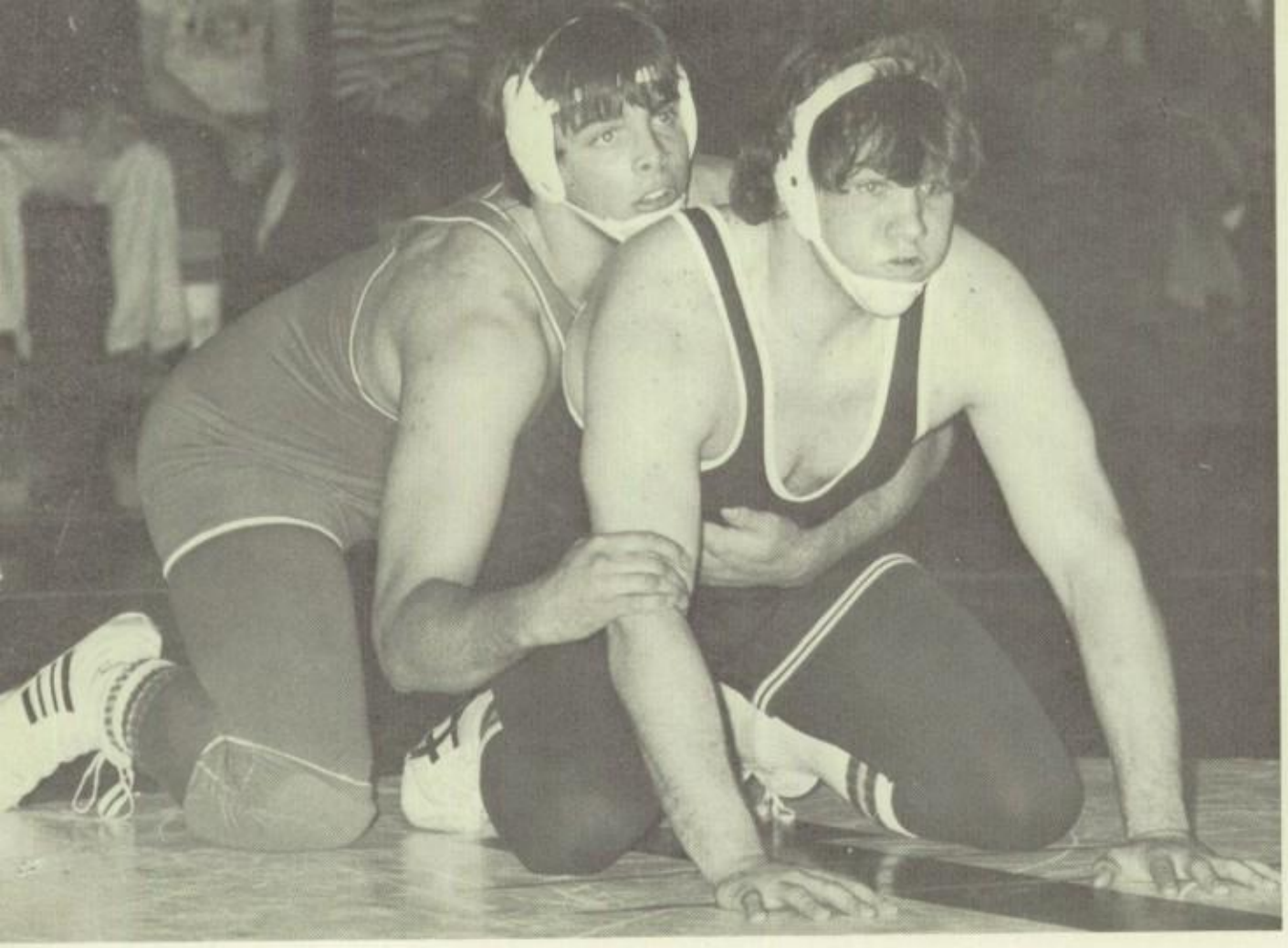
1978 GOLF
SEASON RECORD

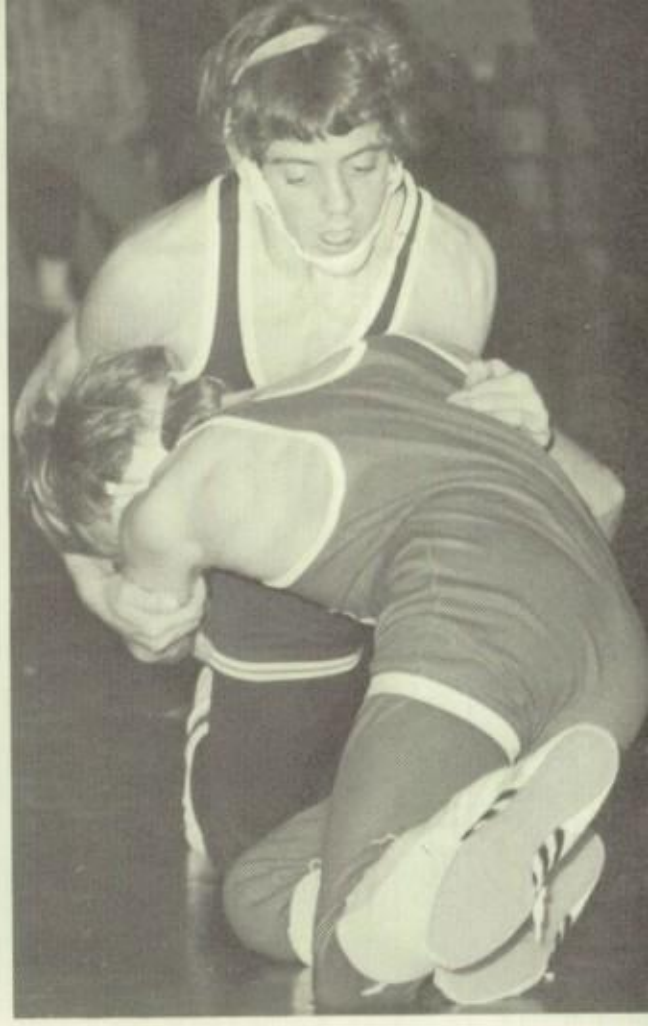
THURSTON		OPPONENT
215	North Farmington	224
215	Garden City East	237
197	Franklin	211
191	John Glenn	200
201	Garden City East	212
204	North Farmington	203
183	Franklin	191
197	John Glenn	204
191	Garden City East	220
Won 8	League	Lost 1
Won 13	Overall	Lost 3

Northwest Suburban League
Co-Champions

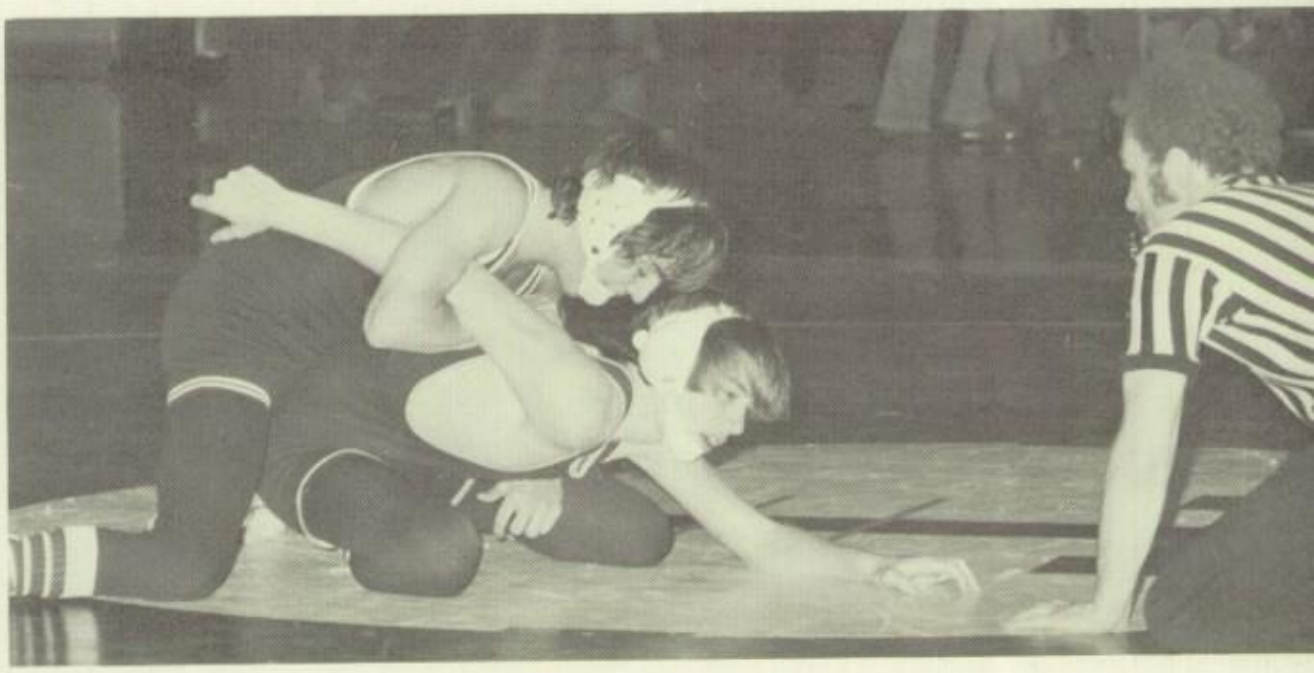
Area League

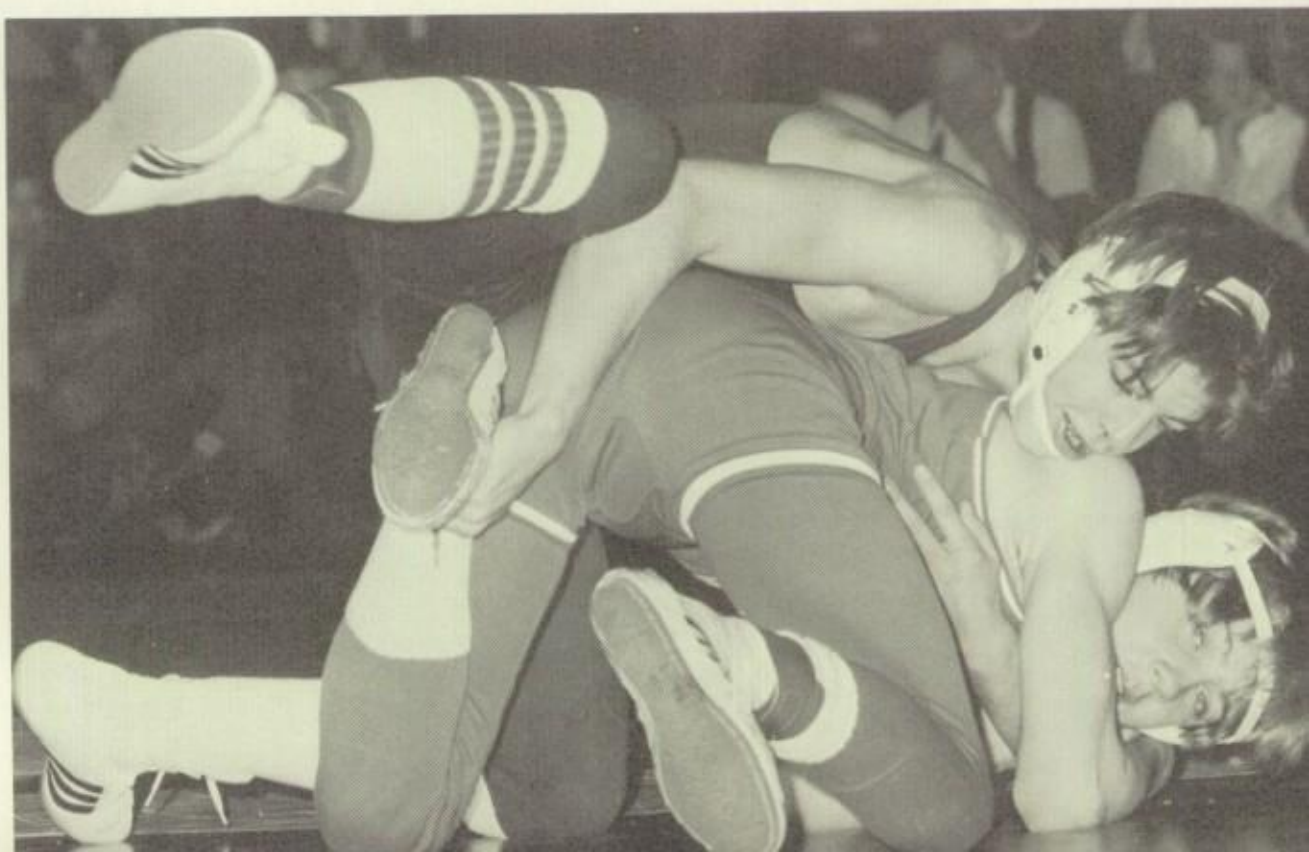




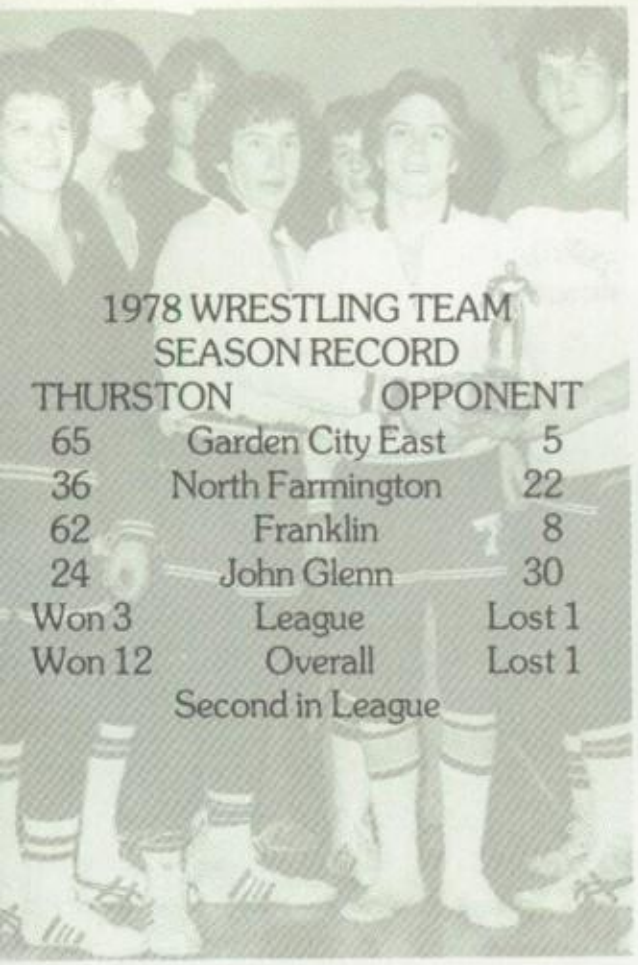


Impressive Wins in Three Tournaments Pin





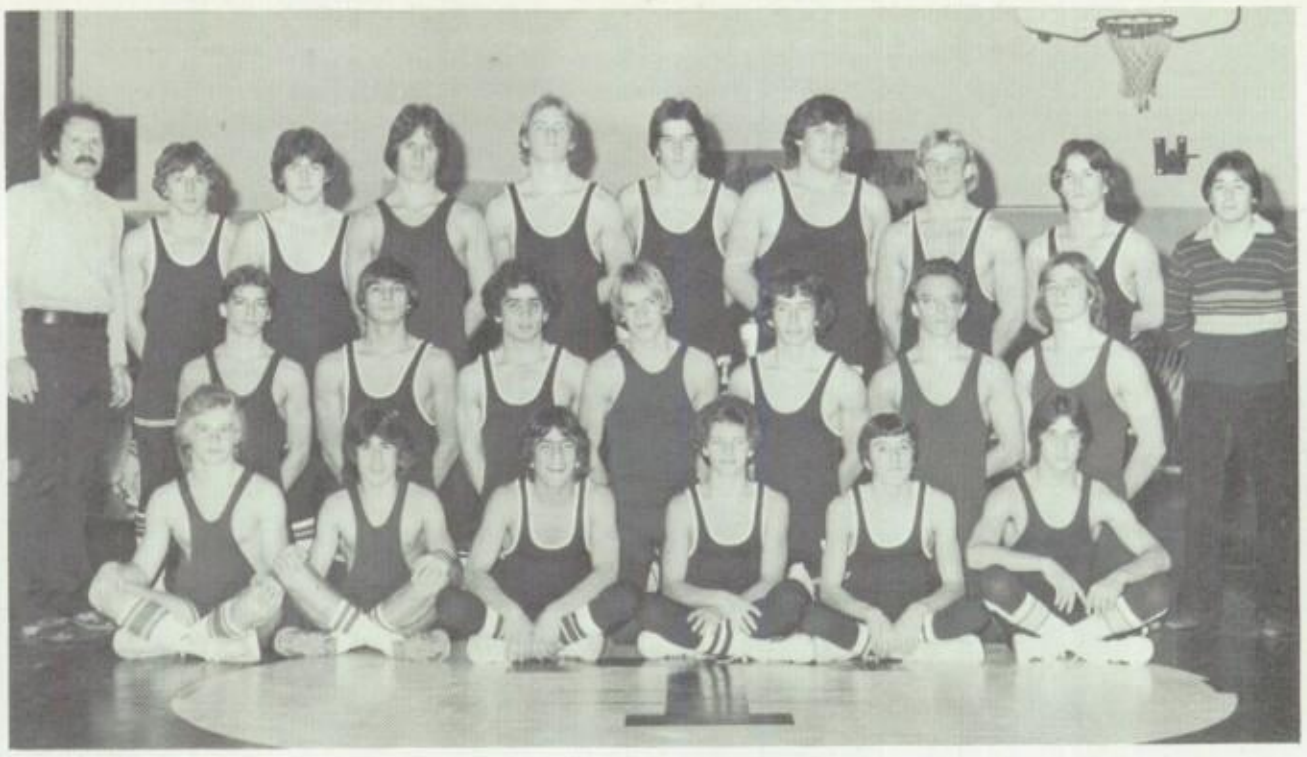
ABOVE LEFT: In the referee's position Matt Barbour waits before attempting an escape for extra points. ABOVE RIGHT: With an advantage over his opponent Tom Arsenault tries to complete the pin. ABOVE: After a grueling match, Kevin Ault relishes a hot dog and his victory before he returns to cheer his teammates to win.



1978 WRESTLING TEAM
SEASON RECORD

THURSTON		OPPONENT
65	Garden City East	5
36	North Farmington	22
62	Franklin	8
24	John Glenn	30
Won 3	League	Lost 1
Won 12	Overall	Lost 1

Second in League



1978 BOYS VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM—FRONT ROW: John Polson, Kris Henneman, Buddy Ault, Brian Galdes, Tom Arsenault and Chuck Merucci. SECOND ROW: Jim Boyer, Pete Newton, Kevin Ault, Joe Benedict, Jeff Hunt, Bruce Mazurowski and Jerry Gaskey. THIRD ROW: Coach Jim Urick, Craig Schauder, John Valchine, Tom Whear, Bob Cutsinger, Darryl Dodier, Matt Barbour, Mark Erickson, Matt Wyman and Assistant Coach Sal Marsalese.

Wrestlers in League Second

"Great Team! We had outstanding wrestlers, who gave an all out effort," said Coach Jim Urick with a smile. Matt Barbour, Matt Wyman and Jeff Hunt were Tri-Captains, who helped lead the team to three impressive wins in tournaments. By winning first place in the Thurston, Wayne and Plymouth-Canton Invitationals, the team was assured a good standing in the Northwest Suburban League, but competition was strong and the Eagles were forced into Second Place. Winning 12 overall meets and 3 of 4 league contests, moving to Districts, where Eagle grapplers finished second with 1 point separating them from first, gave our mat men a bittersweet victory.

Individual honors went to Most Valuable Player Matt Barbour and Best Wrestler Buddy Ault, who both set new school records for exceeding twenty pins in a single season. For his effort in developing better skills Tom Arsenault was selected Most Improved Wrestler. All League honors went to Buddy Ault for his outstanding individual performances during this year's wrestling season.

OPPOSITE PAGE CENTER: Having the advantage during a match puts pressure on the opposition. With a strong grip Buddy Ault tries to turn his man for a pin. BOTTOM: With the fast moves that sometimes decide a match in seconds, Jim Boyer uses a leg hold to try to gain the dominant position over his rival and end his contest to help his team by adding points to the scoreboard.

LEFT: A good coach has total concentration on the events on the mat. For Coach James Urick this means a strong grip on his chair and a deep expression of concern usually accompanied by shouts of encouragement. ABOVE: Winning at home sweetens the victory for Bob Cutsinger, who accepts his trophy with pride and satisfaction.

Tennis Team Nets Smashing Disadvantage

While many might ask what is so difficult about hitting a ball over a net, members of the Tennis Team replied by stressing the importance of strategy and tough defense in their attempts to gain dominance in league meets.

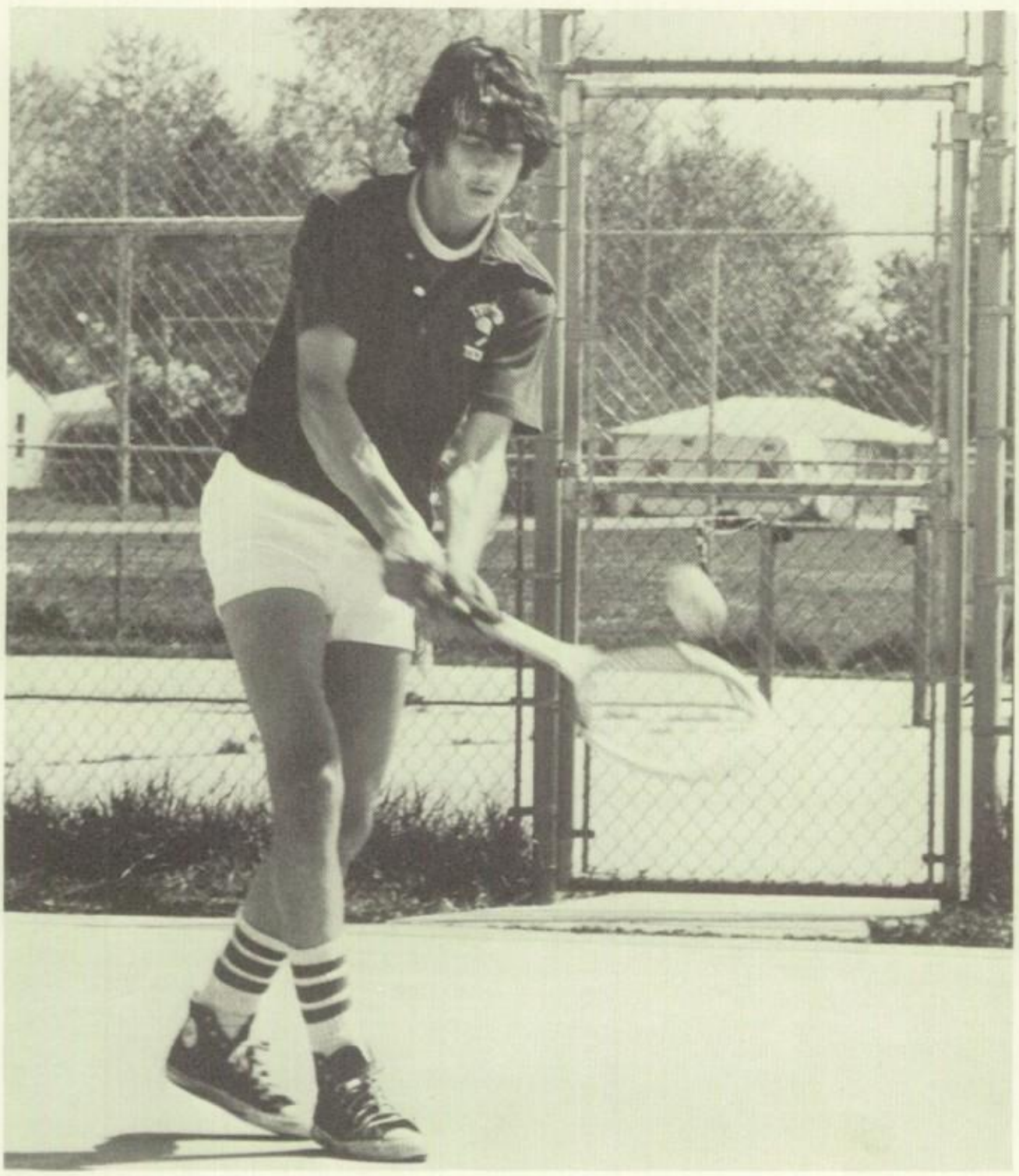
With the usual long hours of practice and the strong encouragement from Coach John White, the team strived for accuracy and improved coordination in gaining points to win their matches. Bill Morris, who was voted Most Valuable Player, led the team with winning matches while Paul Brown was named Most Improved Player for his development of advanced skills on the court.

While team work and determination were important this year, intense concentration and quick reflexes were the goals, which the team stressed in an effort to play their best matches. Although each team member fought for individual points, there was a combination of efforts by all players to advance the team into higher levels in the league standings.

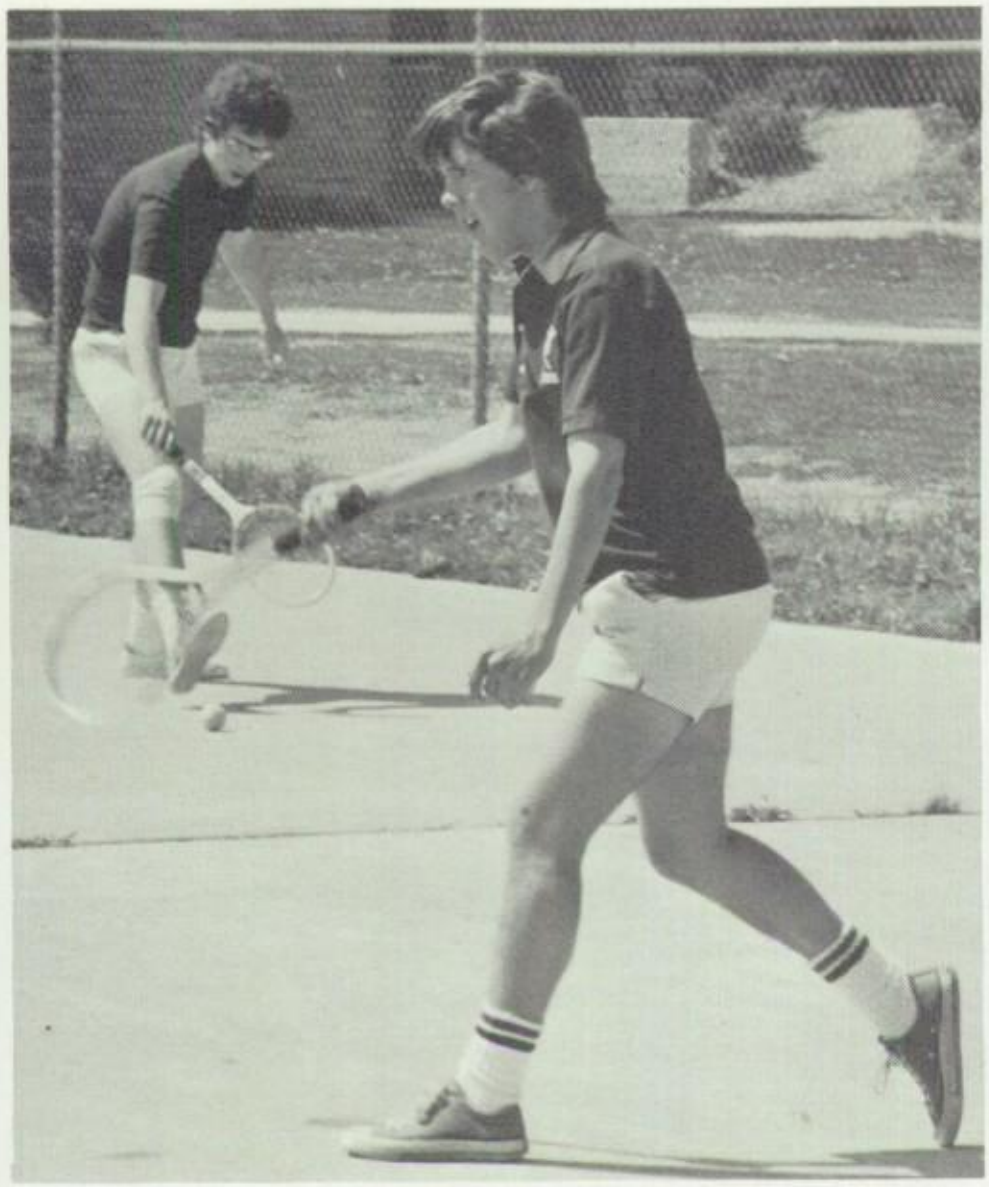
With only three non-league wins, the racquet enthusiasts struggled against difficult rivals. Although there were few spectators, valuable experience coupled with intense training and vigorous practices gave the team new hopes for next season. With the popularity of tennis becoming more and more recognized, competition within the league also challenged teams to seek strong talent. However, playing for enjoyment remained a motivating force.

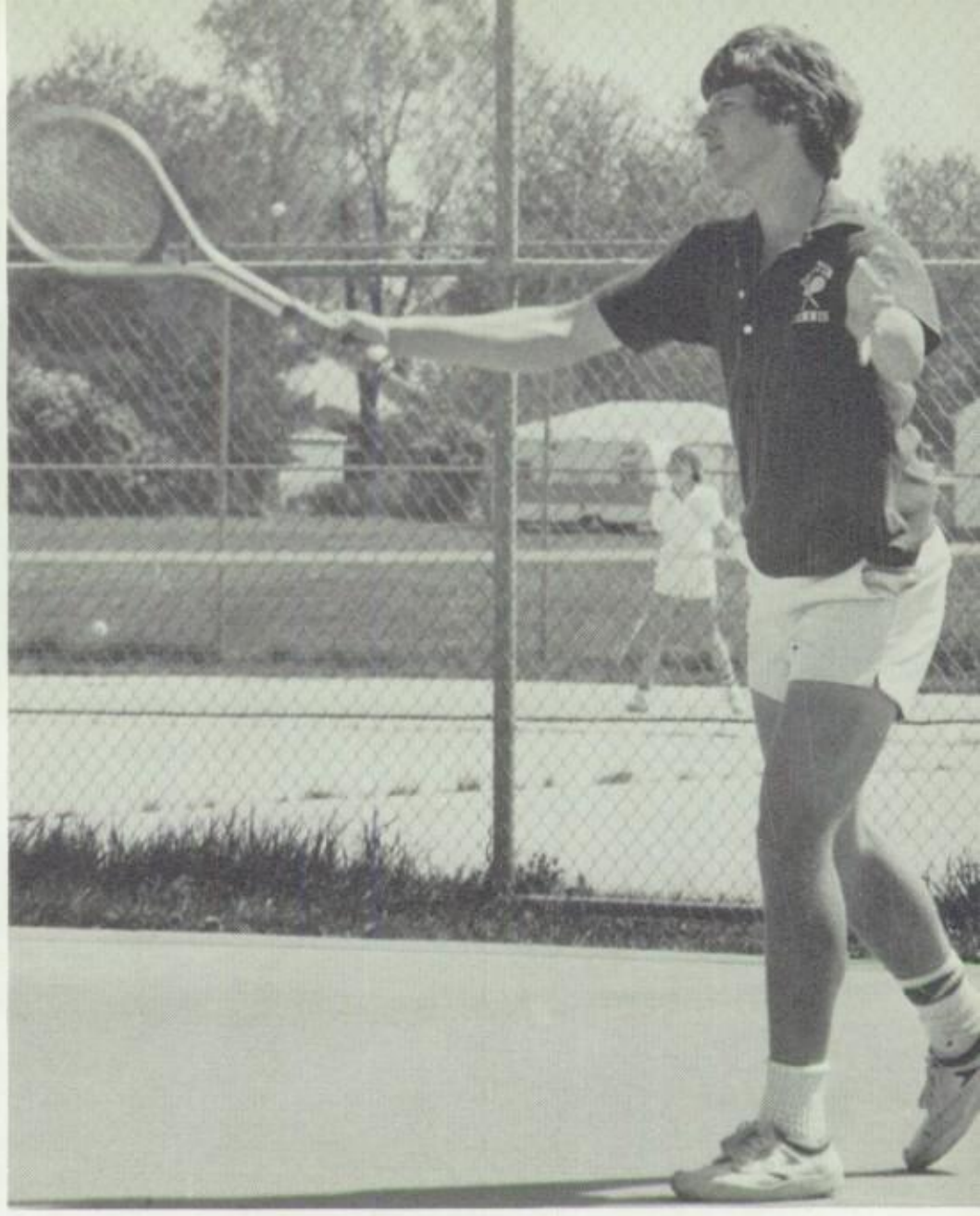
1977 BOYS TENNIS SEASON RECORD

THURSTON		OPPONENT
3	Franklin	4
0	John Glenn	7
2	Garden City East	5
2	North Farmington	5
0	Franklin	7
1	John Glenn	6
3	Garden City East	4
0	North Farmington	7
Won 0	League	Lost 8
Won 3	Overall	Lost 12



LEFT: With determination on his face, George Kash uses a smooth backhand stroke to gain an extra point while (BELOW) Mike Kosakowski hopes to ace his opponent with his serve.



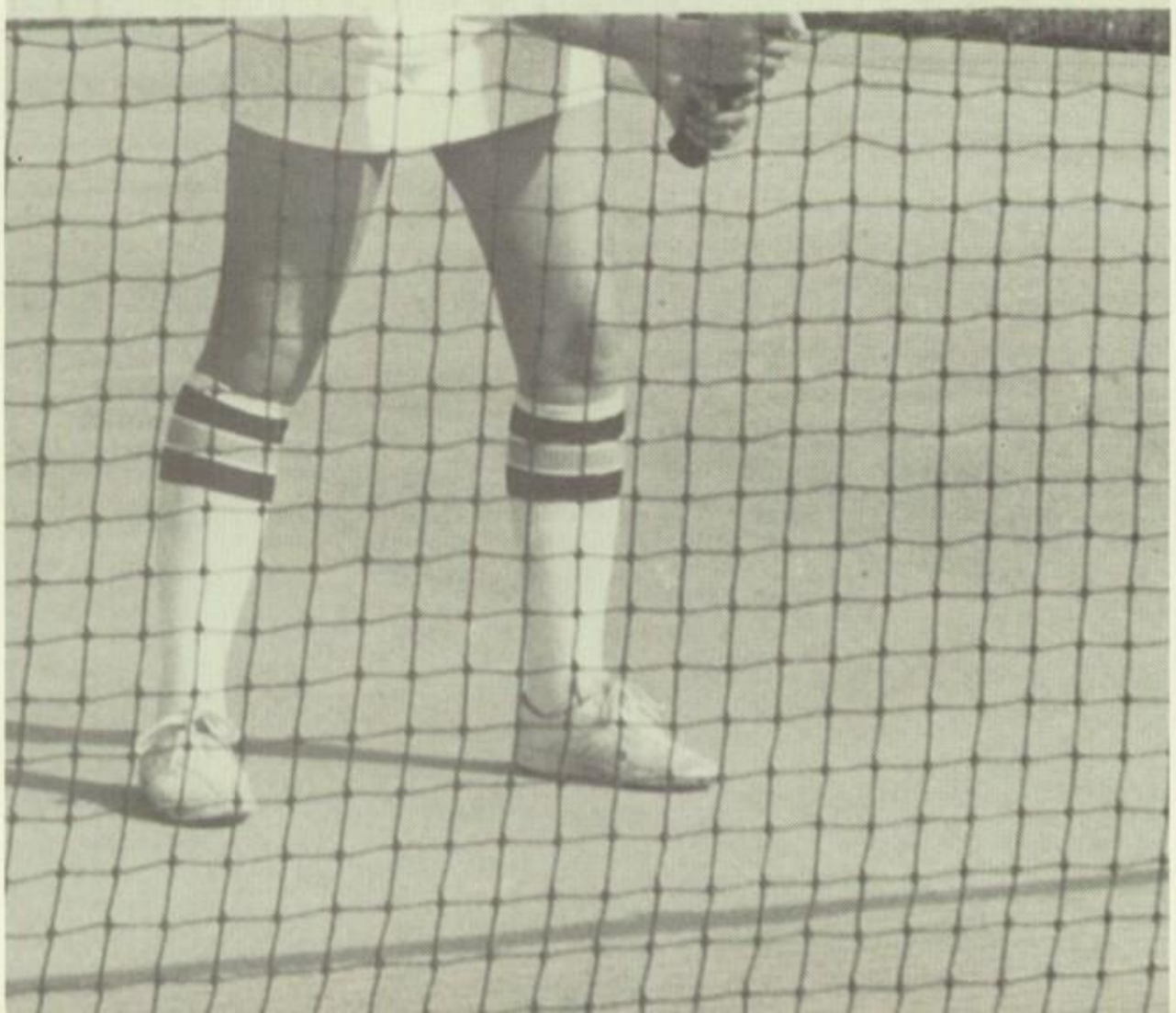


ABOVE LEFT: Approaching the ball, Stuart Holmes watches hopefully as he sends a lob into his rival's court. ABOVE: Showing the skill that earned him the title of Most Valuable Player, Bill Morris returns the ball to his opponent. LEFT: Coach John White explains strategy to players, who are trying to develop expert form.

1977 BOYS TENNIS TEAM—FRONT ROW: Robert Litwinczuk, Bill Morris, John McGrath, Mike Kosakowski, George Kash and Manager Bob Rakoski. SECOND ROW: Assistant Coach Wes Vanhille, Don Kleba, Mark Barbour, Paul Maiorana, Paul Brown, Marty Schmitt, Kevin Kohls, Tim Merkel, Pete Linck, Stuart Holmes, Gordon Dziedziak and Douglas Holmes.

Net Advantage

1977 GIRLS TENNIS TEAM—FRONT ROW: Laura Polidori, Ellen Ashley, Lori Engel, Linda Wymer, Britta Heyer, Sue Castrodale, Barb Patrick, Donna Grassi and Lisa Buchholz. SECOND ROW: Jan Lesniak, Jane Kerr, Denise Berardo, Lynn Bekkala, Mary Ziemba, Kim Kirk, Nancy Melasi, Coach Gayle Licata and Sherry Wilson.



Serves Girls Tennis With First League Win

LEFT: Coaching a team sport such as tennis requires a versatile personality. Not only does the job entail instructing team members on court etiquette and game rules, but it also includes the more personal facet of listening to and advising players in their everyday struggles. Coach Gayle Licata combines the two qualities as she discusses doubles strategy with Sue Castrodale.

Their record was not exceptional, and their overall statistics were not overwhelming, but the ambitious Girls Tennis Team had class. As a group, participating in the competitive Class A Northwest Suburban League, Thurston tennis has not been well known for consistent victories on the scoreboard in previous years. This season, being no different, they placed fourth.

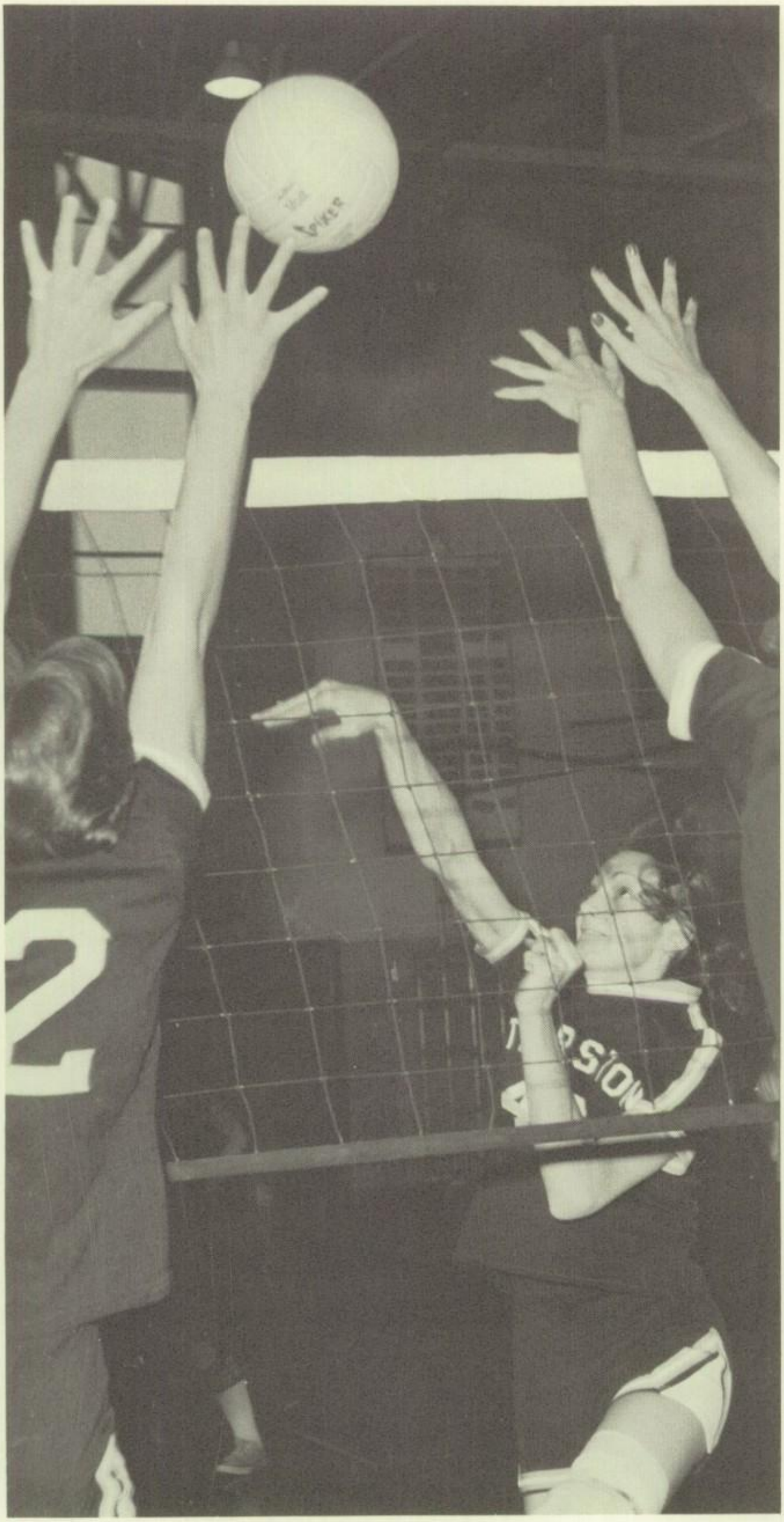
However, individuals did show improvement, which was reflected in final scores. Many exciting matches were lost by only one point. The highlight of the season was when Thurston overwhelmed John Glenn with a tough singles show to chalk up the first league victory in ten years. Assisted by Coach Gayle Licata, Mary Ziemba, Lisa Buchholz, Sherry Wilson, Team Captain and Lynn Bekkala, elected Most Valuable Player, were credited for the points scored to achieve the 4-3 win. Sophomores Barb Patrick and Lori Engel were elected the Most Improved Players. Although a competitive spirit was a dominant part of team philosophy, the girls retained enthusiasm.

1977 GIRLS TENNIS TEAM
SEASON RECORD

THURSTON		OPPONENT
3	Franklin	4
0	North Farmington	7
4	John Glenn	3
2	Franklin	5
1	North Farmington	6
0	John Glenn	7
Won 1	League	Lost 5
Won 3	Overall	Lost 10

Fourth in League

FAR LEFT: Perhaps keeping on her toes and getting ready to duck is not the correct procedure at the net, but it is certainly the safest method as Lynn Bekkala demonstrates her theory. ABOVE: Developing a strong forehand is a major necessity for Britta Heyer as she warms up before a match. ABOVE LEFT: A captain is chosen because of the admiration and respect of teammates. Sherry Wilson displays her acquired ability to serve.



Spicer, Ashley

Placing second in the Northwest Suburban League, this year's Girls Volleyball Team has higher hopes for next season. "We were a stronger team than our record shows," commented Coach Jane Robey. With only five seniors graduating most of the volleyball players will return next year with more experience to fight for the league title against growing competition.

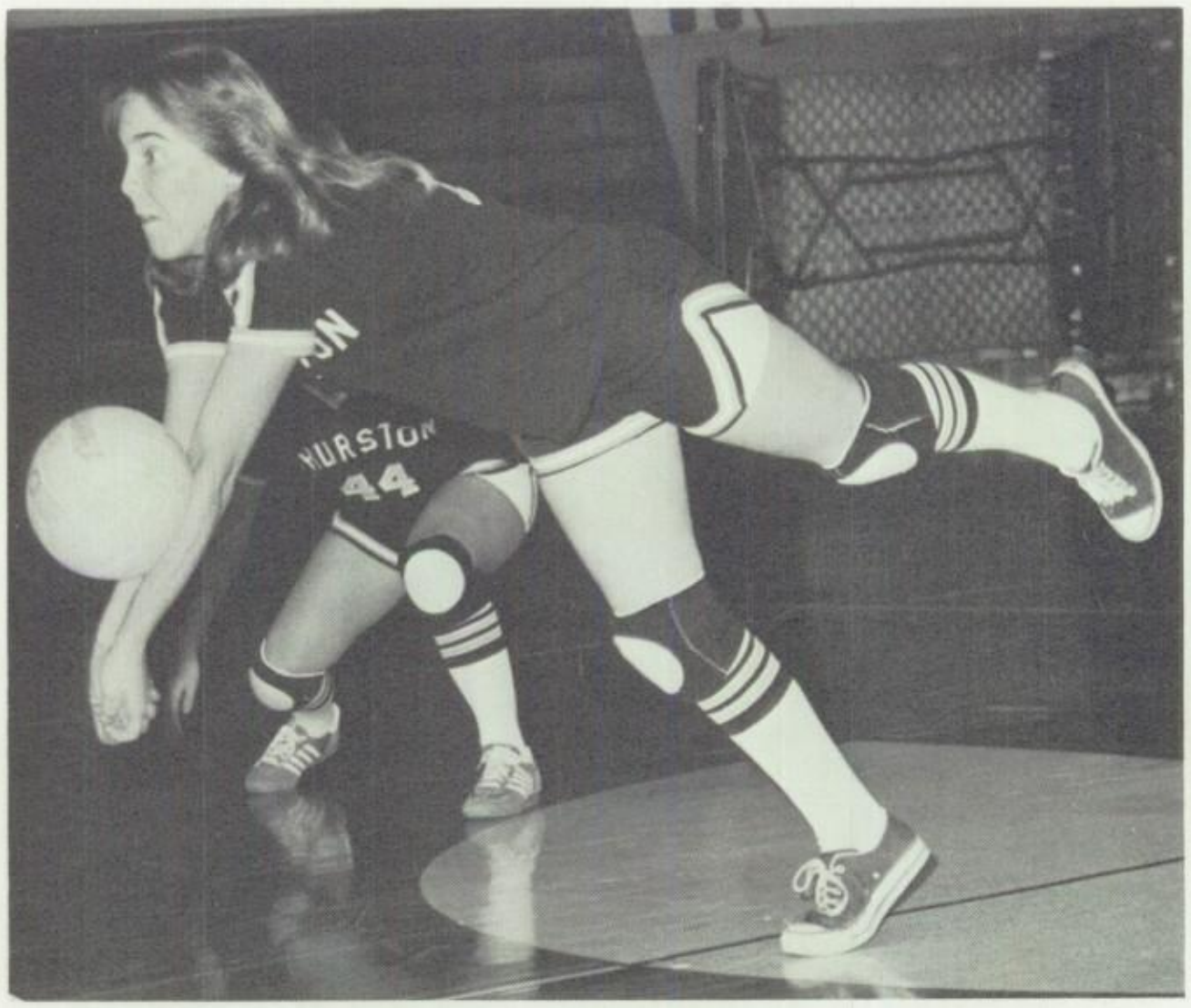
Members of the team elected Linda Spicer and Jean Ashley to serve as Co-Captains for the season, which ended with a 5-3 record in league. The girls were at their best against North Farmington while John Glenn proved to be the strongest opposing challenge. Although no new school records were set, individual honors went to Most Valuable Player Linda Spicer and Most Improved Player Jill Meyette for their contributions to the team's total effort.

Serve As Captains for Girls Varsity Season

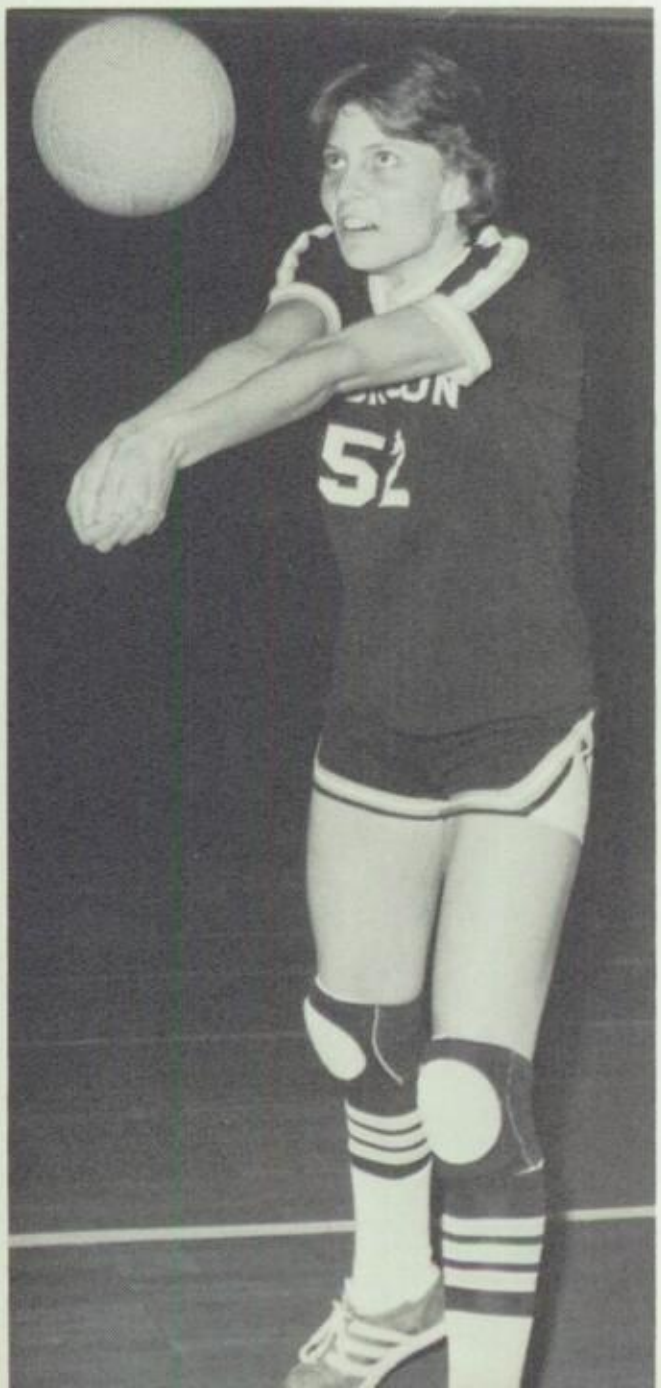
1978 GIRLS
VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
SEASON RECORD

THURSTON		OPPONENT
0	John Glenn	2
2	Franklin	1
2	Garden City East	1
2	North Farmington	0
1	John Glenn	2
1	Franklin	2
2	Garden City East	1
2	North Farmington	0
Won 5	League	Lost 3
Won 9	Overall	Lost 9

Second in League



OPPOSITE PAGE LEFT: With power behind her spike Linda Spicer and (RIGHT) Sue Castrodale, who blocks at the net, try for vital points. BELOW: Jean Ashley and (RIGHT) Jill Meyette bump the ball into the air so a teammate can set the ball for a spike.



1978 GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM—FRONT ROW: Jill Meyette, Sue Haberek, Linda Collins, Anne Biskner, Lori LeVeque and Debby Romej. SECOND ROW: Lynda Klotz, Sue Castrodale, Jean Ashley, Gina Maceratini, Linda Spicer, Barb Beebe, Jean Rowley and Coach Jane Robey.

LEFT: With arms extended to reach under the ba Barb Patrick bumps as Theresa Moran, Magg Woodley and Nancy Ried wait to complete t play. ABOVE: Packing power behind her swin Betty Kroll aims her strong serve at opponents.

Junior Varsity Team Nets Glory in Serving

With the expansion of sports for girls in the Northwest Suburban League, more schools included volleyball teams in their schedules and competition is becoming stronger. This year's Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball Team elected Theresa Moran to serve as captain for their fourteen match season. Playing their most difficult match against Garden City East, the team defeated the Panthers 2-1 and 2-0.

A special moment of glory was won against Plymouth-Salem when the girls managed to serve a perfect game to defeat the Rocks 15-0. Suffering from an injury to an important player when Nancy Ried hurt her knee during play against Garden City East, the team fought back to win seven of their league matches. Using the skill of serving as their strongest weapon, Thurston's Junior Varsity volleyball players never lost to another team in less than three games.

1978 GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM—FRONT ROW: Maggie Woodley, Colleen Miszak, Linda Schleuning and Lory Pirrello. SECOND ROW: Nancy Ried, Betty Kroll, Ba Patrick, Coach Cayte Odor, Margaret Dumas an Theresa Moran.

BELOW: Meeting the ball with force adds power to Margaret Dumas' attempt at an offensive spike. RIGHT: Successfully bumping the ball into play, Theresa Moran waits for a teammate to execute a set and tries to recover to assist the next hit.

Perfect Game

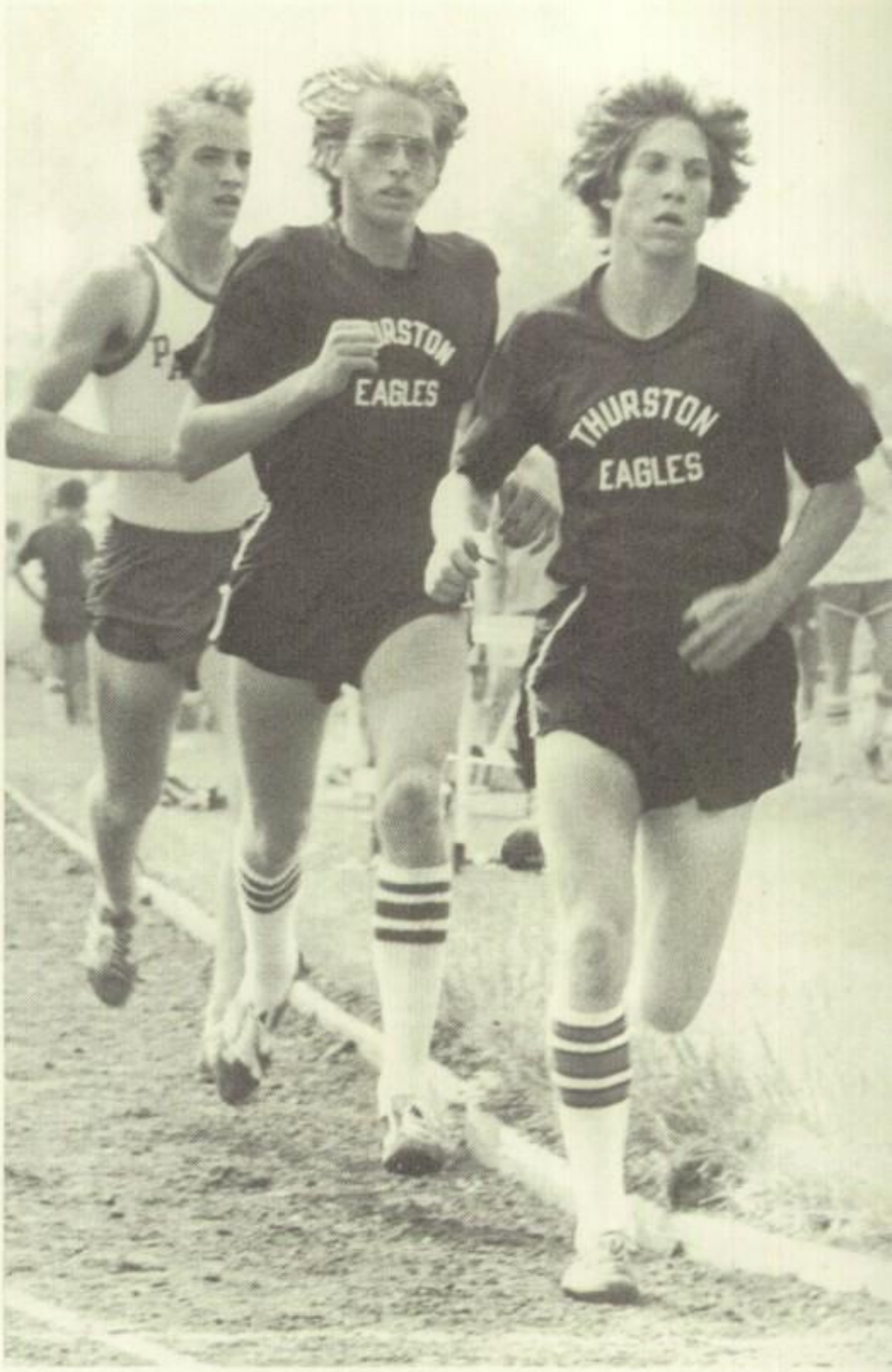
1978 GIRLS
JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
SEASON RECORD

THURSTON		OPPONENT
2	John Glenn	0
2	Franklin	0
2	Garden City East	1
2	North Farmington	1
1	John Glenn	2
2	Franklin	0
2	Garden City East	0
2	North Farmington	1
Won 7	League	Lost 1
Won 10	Overall	Lost 8

Distance Trackmen Overrun Opponents

Feet slipped rapidly over the gravel unpropelled by any outer force, expelling energy in the form of motion, and attained a velocity only determined by the runner himself. Locomotion, demonstrated by the steady progression of the athlete, was the main ingredient for successful performances in races during crucial meets.

"Running—the act of moving legs quickly," is a description that could be expanded by members of Thurston's Track Team, who, in all probability, would be more than amused at the vague and largely incomplete definition. Endurance, dedication, stamina, devotion—all are essential attributes for successful running, and every one was a necessary element, for being on the Track Team required hard work and complete involvement. Perhaps for this reason alone, it was especially rewarding because this season was a good one. Though the team's league win-loss record of 1-3 was not totally impressive, certain individual accomplishments were outstanding. Ken Korzym was justifiably selected as the Most Valuable Player, who as a discus thrower, smashed school and league records with a hurl of 145' 2". Brian Hess, Curt Reynolds and Tony Przytulski all bettered the school record for the two mile race. Brian, Most Improved, set the best time in the two mile while Dave Stewart, a first year member, overcame the obstacles in his path and set new standards for the 330 low hurdles at 41.7 seconds. Tri-Captains for the season included three year letter winners Scott Grudzien, Tony Przytulski and Rick Raymond.



1977 BOYS TRACK TEAM—FRONT ROW: Bruce Hess, Jeffery Brinza, Chuck Merucci, Thomas Smith, Ryan Kolle, Anthony Przytulski, Richard Raymond, David Stewart, John Poremba, Brian Hess, David Marcotte, Peter Bradley and Bruce Pindzia. SECOND ROW: Wesley Rujan, Michael Wyman, Curt Reynolds, Gregory Kangas, David Kapaun, George Darany, John VanAlsten, Dale Zaremski, Bruce Gleba, Jeffrey Wandyg, Leonard Farrugia and Kurtis Kevelin. THIRD ROW: Coach Donald Hoert, Donald Hoppe, John Flumerfelt, Daniel Romej, Jon Blakely, Philip Aghababian, George Barbour, Algis Balciunas, Kenneth Korzym, Jeffrey Stankiewicz, James Gilbert, Kevin Krull, Joseph Smith, Glenn Winn and Coach Ray Williams.

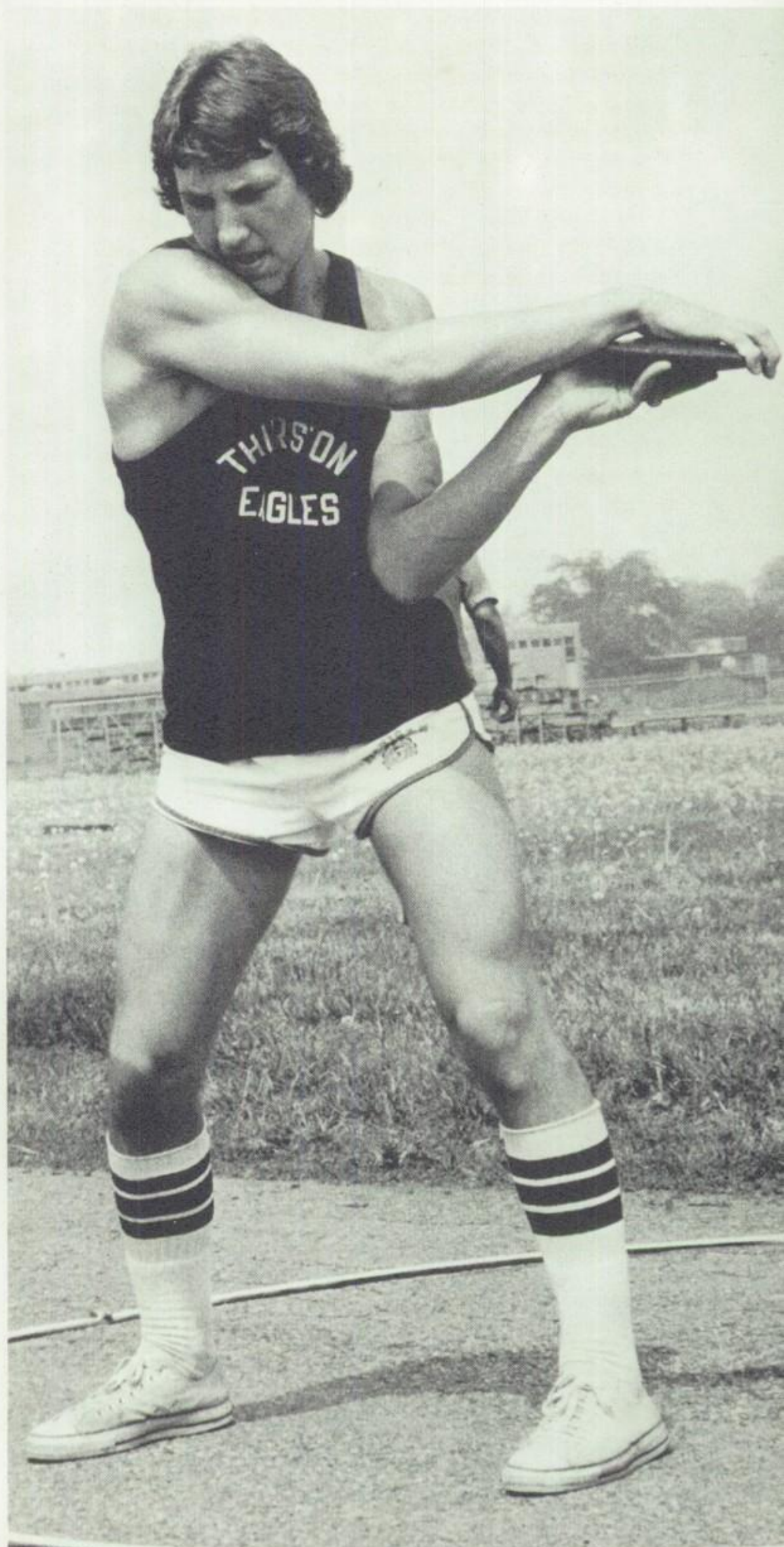
OPPOSITE PAGE: In the final stretch of a grueling race, the encouragement offered by cheering friends can often determine the finish. In the two mile event Brian Hess is successful in taking second place in one of the closest and exciting meets of the season against Garden City East. Tony Przytulski maintains his pace to receive first place.

1977 BOYS TRACK
SEASON RECORD

THURSTON		OPPONENT
36½	Franklin	102½
55	John Glenn	100
73½	North Farmington	84½
80	Garden City East	78
Won 1	League	Lost 3
Won 3	Overall	Lost 8

Fourth in League

LEFT: A tr phy is not just another acquisition to pick up dust on your bedroom shelf. It signifies the well deserved recognition received from your peers for all the time and effort put into an accomplishment, which is outstanding and unique. Ken Korzym demonstrates the technique which helped him capably claim the League Championship in the discus event. BELOW: Mustering his muscles into action to achieve a reputable distance, discus thrower Jeff Stankiewicz strengthens his flow of concentration before the actual release of the wooden plate. Jeff also participates in the shot put event, where he ranks fourth on the team.

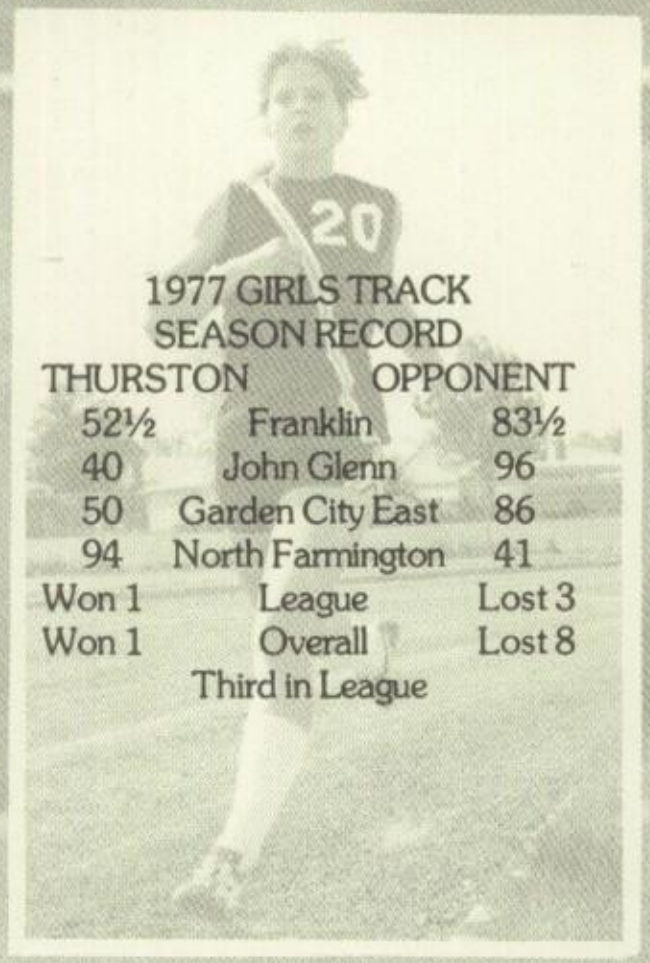


Dreary Statistics Brightened By Individual Performances

In rewriting Bruce Springsteen's song, *Born To Run*, we could relate its theme to the athletic abilities of track stars. As children we viewed running as a ritualistic part of playtime, but with maturity we learned running was an art, which was often considered a talent taken for granted. During a transformation from casual play to serious sport, timed sprints and track competitions prompted those with natural ability to continue developing talents at a steady pace.

Destroying the existing school record for the 2 mile run, Liz Woodley became the Northwest Suburban League Champion in this event. Lorry Berta bettered the school record in the 880 run while Linda Schleuning, Diane Frangos, Kathy O'Callaghan and Jean Ashley formed a team, that set a new school record in the 440 relay. Most Valuable Player Jean Ashley set a new school record for the high jump, and Most Improved Player Sue Vezina established new statistics for future track stars to conquer in the 110 hurdles.

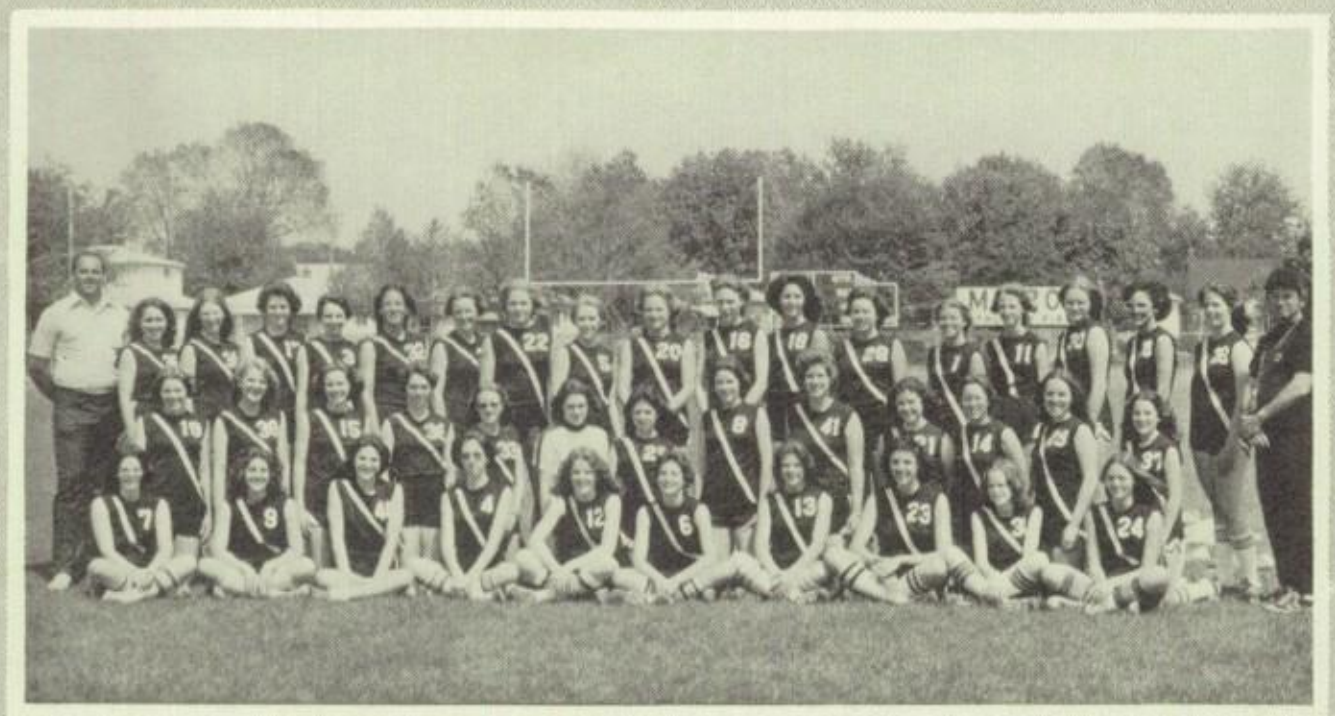
OPPOSITE PAGE RIGHT: Filled with determination and intense concentration, Kathy Silardi puts the shot for a winning distance. FAR RIGHT: Track enthusiast Liz Woodley displays the form that makes her a successful long distance runner as she circles the track during the grueling 2 mile event.



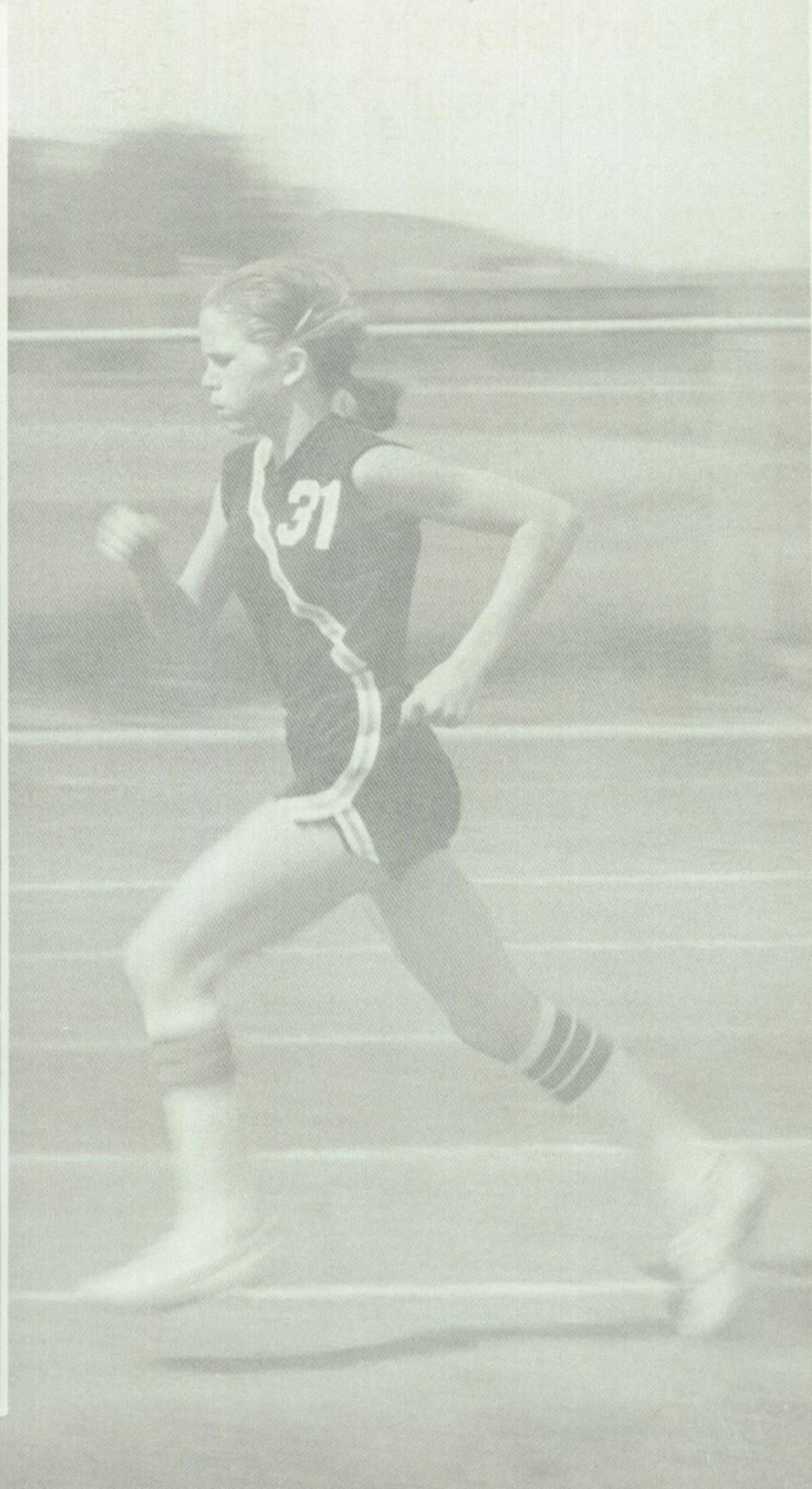
1977 GIRLS TRACK SEASON RECORD

THURSTON		OPPONENT
52½	Franklin	83½
40	John Glenn	96
50	Garden City East	86
94	North Farmington	41
Won 1	League	Lost 3
Won 1	Overall	Lost 8

Third in League



1977 GIRLS TRACK TEAM—FRONT ROW: Ann Sangeorzan, Diane Frangos, Lori Wissman, Carol Suchenek, Janet Fox, Robin Donohoe, Linda Schleuning, Gina Maceratini, Liz Woodley and Debby Romej. SECOND ROW: Diane Wester, Sandy Smith, Mary Beth Woelke, Michelle Norton, Geri Neumann, Donna Murphy, Kim Grace, Beth McAskin, Carol Klieber, Kathy O'Callaghan, Alisa Gernhart, Linda Mielcarek and Pam Reed. THIRD ROW: Coach George Heger, Terrie Kenyon, Annette Staron, Theresa Dore, Sylvia Jarzembski, Lyn Tavares, Sue Heger, Shannon Schwaderer, Sheila Balliet, Lorry Berta, Jean Ashley, Sue Vezina, Laura Billington, Kathy Silardi, Lynn Winek, Jean Petcavage, Karen DosSantos, Michele Rouleau and Coach Don Riehl.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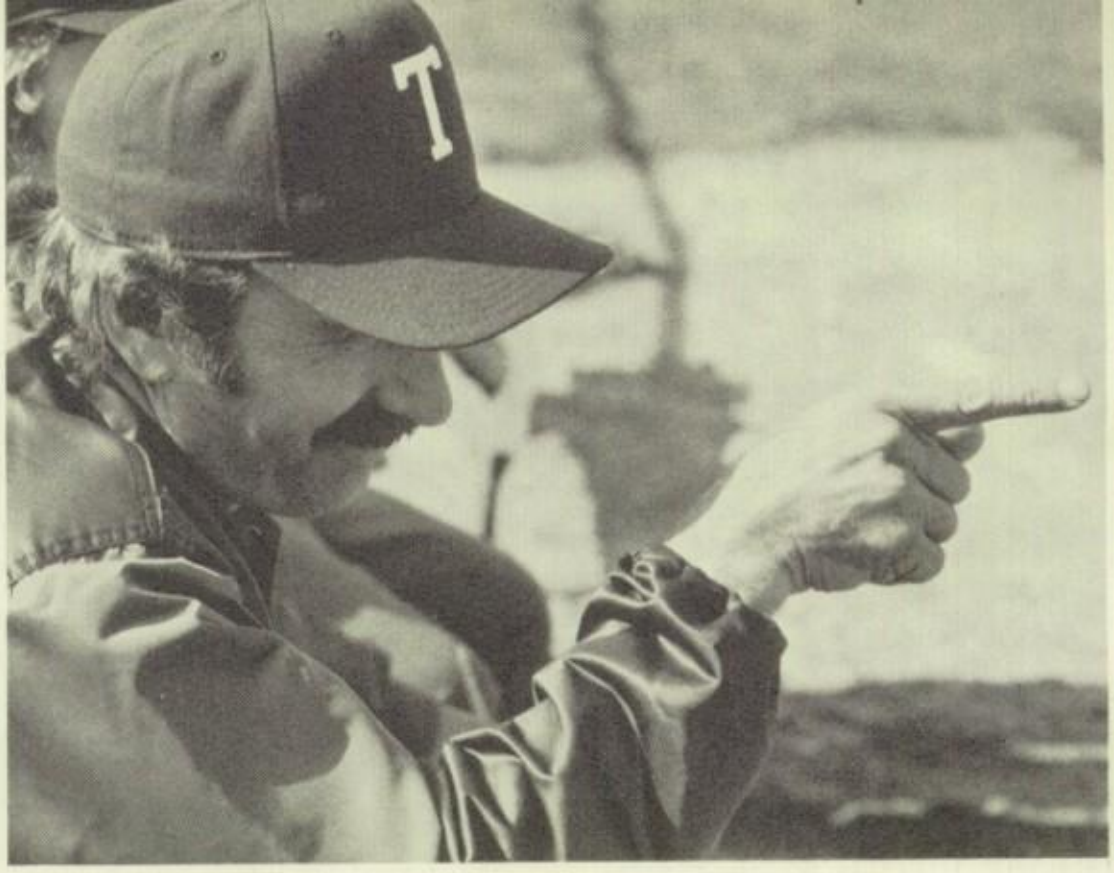


1977 BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM—FRONT ROW: Manager Dave Biedron, Kevin Schmitt, Greg May, Keith Schauder, Doug Sheridan, Dan Hunter, Steve Kantos, John Gazdecki, Brian Shahinian and Bill O'Hara. SECOND ROW: Coach Emil Majeski, Doug Hartlep, Todd Purkiss, Ron Stefan, Tony Zygiel, Dave Beebe, Mark Purkiss, Bruce Alderman, Fred Rousseau and Manager Jack Bova.

Eagles Slide Through Disappointing Season

Often in sports one vital part of a team is left out of the newspapers. Not the batboy or the team manager, not the skilled athletes or experienced coaches, not the scorekeeper or umpire but the all-important spectators, who loyally attend each game through rain or shine. These devoted fans cheer when their team is winning but more importantly, they support them when things are down and take pride in individual accomplishments.

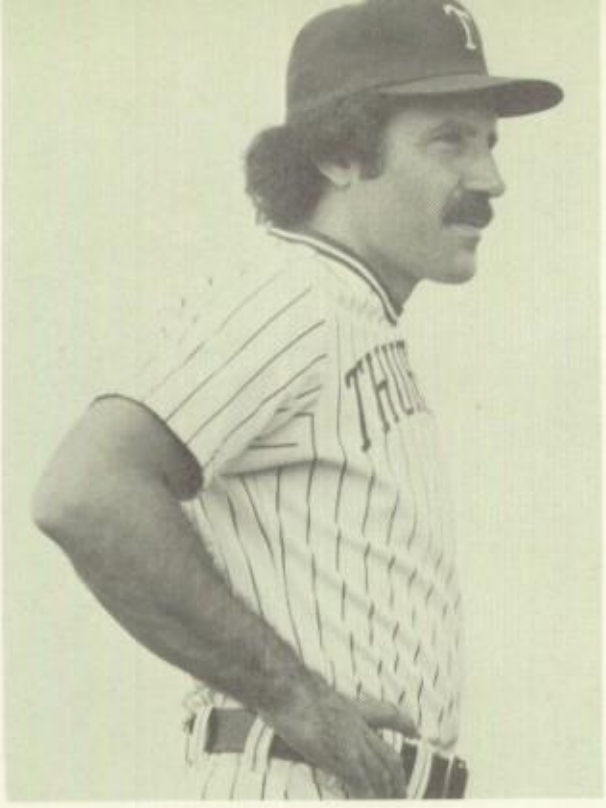
Though the wins were few and far apart during the tough twenty-three game season schedule, enthusiasm from players and support from fans remained high. Outstanding plays such as a District Finals game winning grand slam by Captain Dan Hunter helped to keep spirits alive while also insuring individual honors.

With a .356 season batting average and twenty RBI's, Most Valuable Player Dan Hunter was selected for First Team All Area. Dan was also accredited for his fielding abilities with a selection to the All League Team. Most Improved Player Bruce Alderman, selected to the First All Area and All League Teams, finished the season with a .403 average and thirty-one hits. Recognized as a talented man on first, Tony Zygiel was named to the First Team All League.

OPPOSITE PAGE FAR LEFT: Dan Hunter awaits a play at third base while (RIGHT) Coach Emil Majeski points out a good strategy move. ABOVE LEFT: Pitcher Doug Sheridan hurls a fastball to put another strike on the opponent's batter while (LEFT) Keith Schauder concentrates on hitting the next pitch.

1977 BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL
SEASON RECORD

THURSTON	OPPONENT	
12	North Farmington	11
3	Garden City East	7
2	North Farmington	17
5	John Glenn	6
1	John Glenn	5
4	Garden City East	8
7	North Farmington	18
4	Franklin	5
2	Franklin	12
7	Garden City East	8
Won 1	League	Lost 9
Won 8	Overall	Lost 15



Rain Forces Junior Varsity

Sometimes everything turns against the odds of having a lucky season. Bad weather and limited pitchers, causing each game to be cramped into an unfair and exhausting schedule, proved to be the dominate problems for the Junior Varsity Baseball Team this year.

James Anderson, who won four games and lost three, Brian Kurnick with a two and five record and Chris Pellerito with one win and four losses were the only available pitchers. Due to inclimate weather, the first eight of eleven games were canceled, which caused the team to play as many as seven games each week to finish the season on time. Despite the busy schedule, seven wins and twelve losses was an impressive overall record. Ending their year with a record of two wins and five losses awarded the team a fourth place in the Northwest Suburban League standings.

Coaching the team, Mr. Jim Urick found that the squad's talent was balanced and all the players improved during the year. Special accomplishments by individuals helped the team in their

Baseball Team To Drop Into League Fourth

orts to compete among strong rivals. arey Dowdy achieved the highest bat- g average while Barry Alderman served the position of clean-up batter, where did his best to bring men home.

PPOSITE PAGE TOP: Coach Jim Urick plans de- nsive strategy to protect a lead in the game. OTTOM: Offering his pitcher a strike-zone target, m McGee braces himself for a strong fastball. ELOW: Determined to strike out the batter, James nderson hurls the ball directly across the plate. ELOW RIGHT: Winning ball games means scoring ns. Making sure he has the correct timing, Carey owdy steps into his swing to add extra power as aims for a hole in deep right field.

1977 JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM—FRONT ROW: Manager Diane Scherbarth, Craig Schauder, James Anderson, Steve Murphy, Carey Dowdy, Chuck Kostegian, James Boyer and Pete Letkemann. SECOND ROW: Coach James Urick, Brian Kumick, Chris Pellerito, Mark Benedict, Barry Alderman, Darryl Dodier, Jeffrey Orzel, Rob Fredericks, Tom McGee and Michael Kirkup.

1977 JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL SEASON RECORD

THURSTON		OPPONENT
3	North Farmington	4
2	John Glenn	3
2	John Glenn	10
4	North Farmington	5
6	Franklin	2
7	Franklin	6
3	John Glenn	5
Won 2	League	Lost 5
Won 7	Overall	Lost 12

Fourth in League

1977 GIRLS FASTPITCH TEAM—FRONT ROW: Linda Ried, Colleen Hamel, Laurie Schmitt, Pam Ellison, Donna Meyer, Renee Enright, Lois Flannigan, Peggy Sharick and Michele DeVries. SECOND ROW: Manager Marie Poremba, Robin Luedtke, Mary Ziemba, Lisa Buchholz, Kathy Patterson, Lori LeVeque, Theresa Dattilo, Lynda Klotz, Jill Meyette, Nancy Kelly and Coach Richard Munson.

LEFT: Stepping into the pitch, Kathy Patterson smashes the ball in an attempt to bring in another Eagle run. RIGHT: Spotting a hole in center field, Donna Meyer connects for a hit.

1977 GIRLS FASTPITCH
SEASON RECORD

THURSTON		OPPONENT
19	North Farmington	5
3	John Glenn	0
4	John Glenn	7
13	North Farmington	2
12	*North Farmington	0
2	Franklin	1
8	Franklin	6
Won 6	League	Lost 1
Won 14	Overall	Lost 4

Northwest Suburban
League Champions
*Renee Enright's No-Hitter

Fastpitch Champions Glove Third Successful Season

OPPOSITE PAGE LEFT: Fielding a ground ball at third, Lori LeVeque prepares a long throw to first. BELOW: Concentrating on hurling a strike over the plate, Renee Enright prepares to deliver a fastball as she steps into her pitcher's stance.

This year's Girls Fastpitch Team once again set their goals high and successfully gained their third consecutive league title. In addition, pitchers Renee Enright and Kathy Patterson both hurled no-hitters. Renee's perfect game dazzled the North Farmington Raiders while Kathy's stunned the Farmington Falcons. Playing very well all season, the team was helped by Laurie Eszes, a former student, who assisted in developing skills and playing techniques.

Many honors were awarded as the recognition for impressive talents shone amid excellent teamwork. Captain Renee Enright, Most Valuable Player, led the team by being chosen for First Team All Area and All League. Selected for Second Team All Area and First Team All League were Pam Ellison and Most Improved Player Lori LeVeque. Lois Flannigan was selected for Second Team All Area and All League while Kathy Patterson was chosen for First Team All League. Captain Donna Meyer and Linda Ried were elected to the Second Team All League.

Though Homecoming failed to bring a senior win, Matt Barbour is consoled by his newly found friend Piglet.

Showing their enthusiasm during Spirit Week, Mike Gordon, Maureen Jenkins and Cindi Wachowski cheer for a victory.

Reluctant and unsure
Of our independence, we look
Toward each other for security.
Sharing the accomplishments,
Joys and despair of those around
Us, we learn to better
Understand ourselves. Growing,
Reaching for dreams,
Asking for answers and depending
On friends, we make our
Way into the world.

Seniors

Officers Organize Ideas for Final Activities

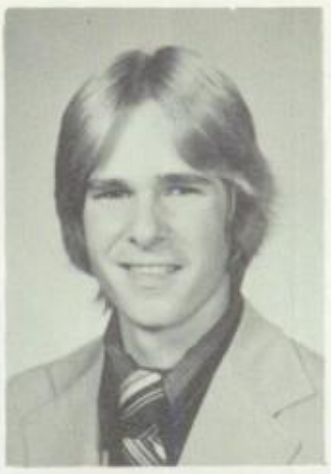
Ken Alberti
Bruce Alderman
Joy Aliko
Alan Aloe
Clifford Anderson

Karen Annas
Jackie Apostol
Suzanne Arama
Voula Armyros
Jean Ashley

Kenneth Atkinson
Rhonda Ayoub
Mary Baghdoian
Michael Baier
Steven Balke

Donald Baloh
Janice Bamford
Sharon Bannester
Bonnie Banyacsky
Matt Barbour

Paul Barry
Gregory Bartosik
Sam Batshon
Robert Bauman
Laura Baxendale



Robert Beane

Diane Beard

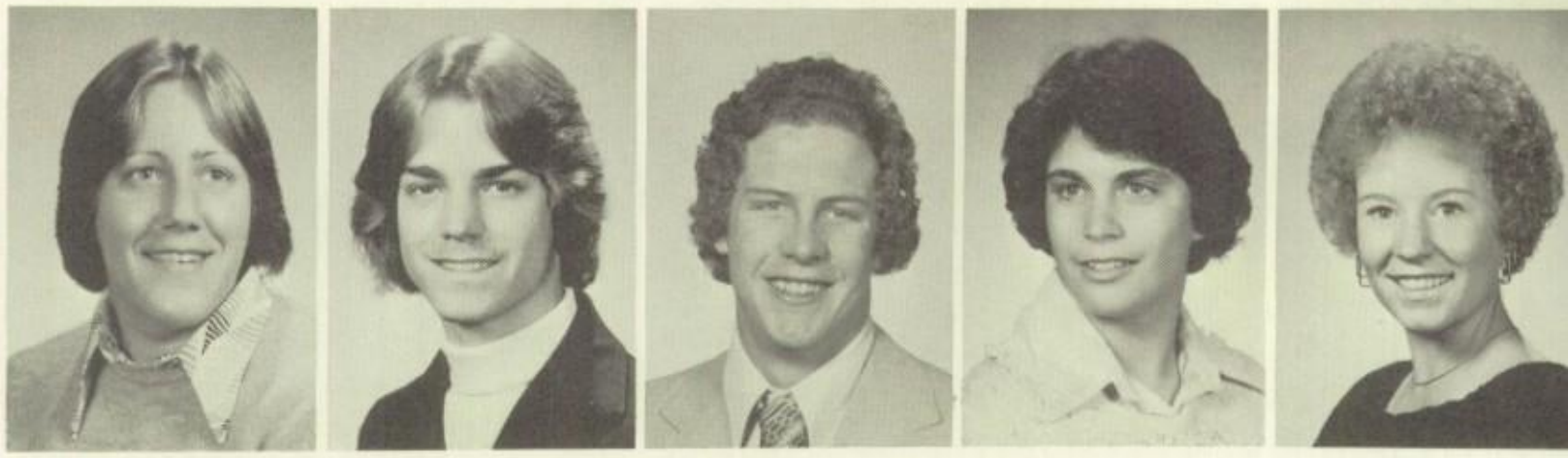
Vicki Beckendorf

Lynn Bekkala

Kenneth Bell

LEFT: For senior officers graduation is a time of planning and organizing. President Gina Ortale, Recording Secretary Pat Sperkoski, Corresponding Secretary Karen Romej, Vice President Todd Purkiss, Treasurer Sue Castrodale and Parliamentarian Donna Lalomia work together to see that the year's final activities run smoothly.

Commendable Scores Rank Merit Scholars



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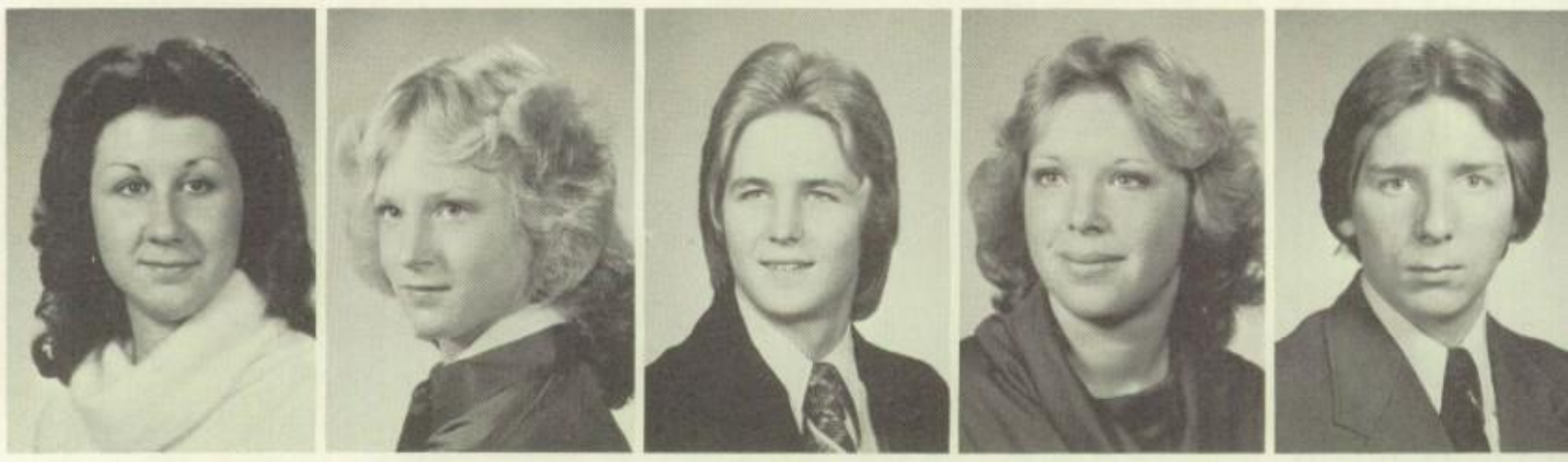
Wesley Benedict
Denise Berardo
Lynn Berghuis



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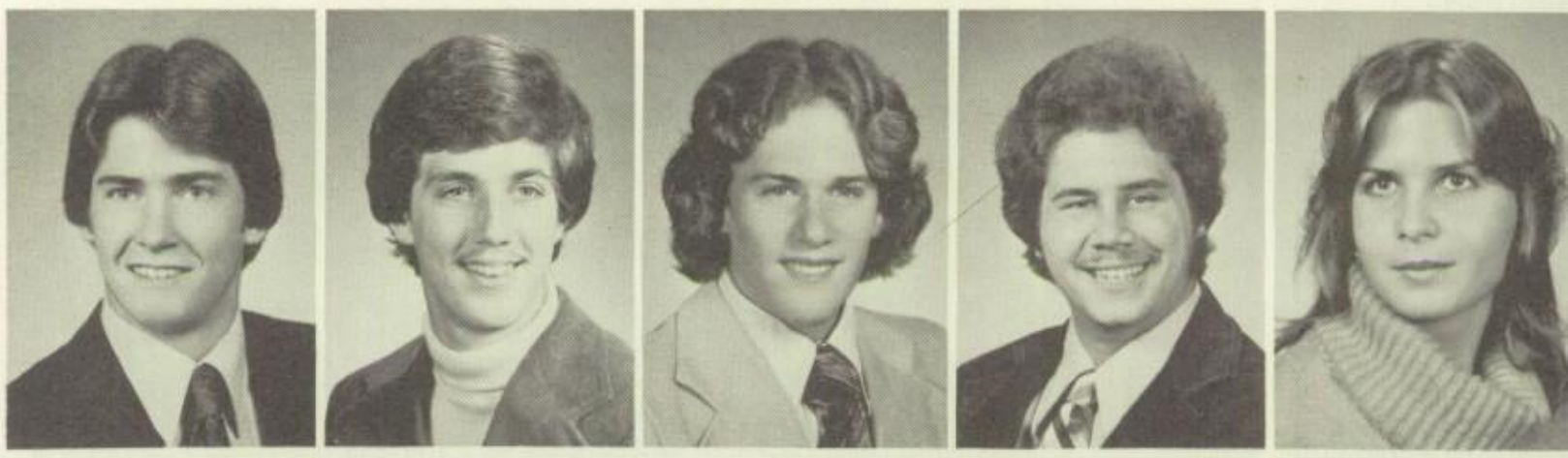
Lorraine Berta
Thomas Biegas
Judy Biggs
Michael Birman



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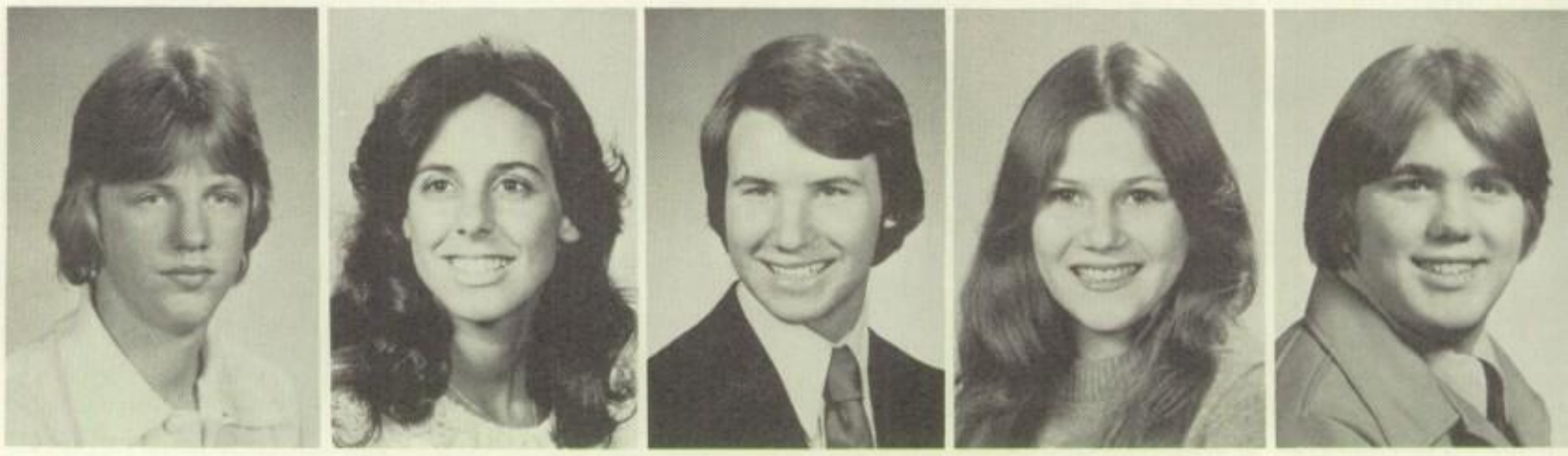
Kurt Bluhm
Michael Bonanno
Joseph Bondie
Maria Borowski

Tim Bosley
Scott Bound
Linda Bozzi
Jerry Bradford
Keith Branoff

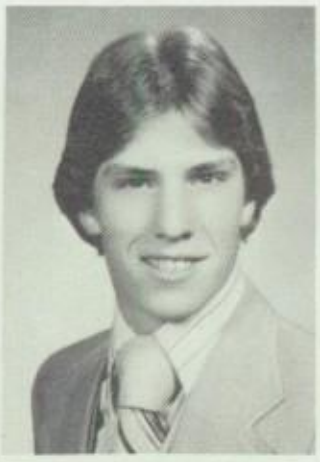


Daniel Brennan
Kathleen Brincat
Don Brom
Pamela Brooks
James Broughton

LEFT: Scoring well on competitive scholarship examinations often means money and recognition for students with high scores. Jeff Goryca, Laurie Hunt and Mark Sullivan earn the honor of being named Commended students by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which ranks seniors for academic achievements.

Debbie Brown
Debra Brueggeman

Sue Bsharah
David Buckeyne



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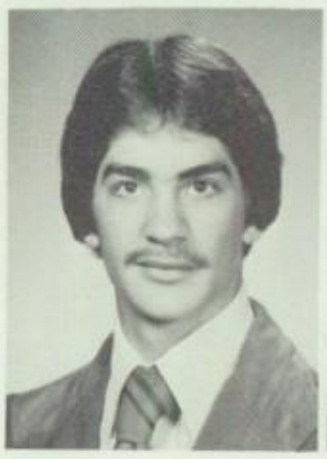
Eileen Butler
Randy Byler
Cathy Campbell
Gigi Canilao



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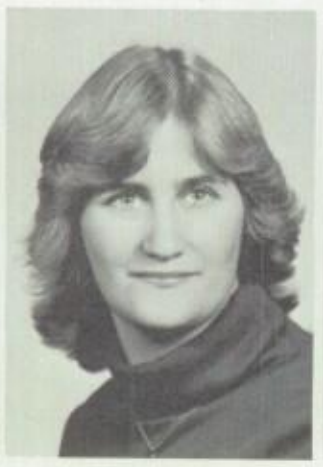

Susan Castrodale
Gerard Chandler
Carol Charbarneau
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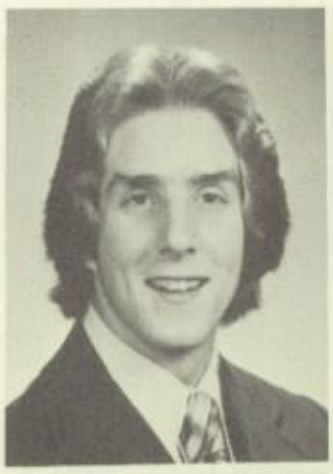
Sevasti Chioti

Dona Christie
Dan Cini
Linda Collins
Lynn Collins
Steve Comben

Seniors Solve Stress, Strains of Science



Glen Conger
Loren Corl

John Corradi
Catherine Courter

Dallas Cox
Kathryn Custer

Theresa Czarnecki
Bill Dalrymple
Lynn Dapprich
Kimberly Darnall
Donna DeCesco

William Deierlein
Cheryl DePottey
Terry DesAutels
Michele DeVries
Antonio Diangelo

LEFT: Assuring herself of a clean area in which to work, Shelly Temperley prepares her lab station for an experiment on fruit flies. ABOVE: Finding regeneration a challenging subject, Pat Kuchna observes the behavior of planaria. RIGHT: Contemplating a perplexing problem, Anne Stephen sifts through technical physics textbook information.

Sherry Dickey
Alana Dodd

Maureen Donoghue
Laura Donovan
Steven Dore
Vince Dumas
Tina Dwojak

Amy Dziuban
Dennis Ecker
Craig Edwards
Mary Ehlke
Petter Endsjo

Sherry Evans
Vivian Fagan
Robert Falls
Shelley Felix
Shari Flanagan

Hunny Helps Seniors Sweeten Float Contes

LEFT: Accompanying their float along the traditional parade route, S Sakowski, Gina Ortale, Dan Powers and friends, Winnie the Pooh a Piglet, exclaim their senior spirit with "Hip, Hip, Pooh-Ray" cheers the Eagle football team. BELOW: The sparkle of her crown reflected her eyes, Princess Kennice Kalko is escorted by her date Dave Pohl.

Robert Flanigan
Bryan Flynn

Robert Forster
Michael Forsythe

ABOVE: Keeping with the theme of their float, Gina Ortale and Sue Castrodale present Pooh's hunny jar as the senior class entry in the centerpiece competition. LEFT: Enchanted by the glitter and elegance of the evening, Queen Pat Sperkoski and (BELOW) Princess Kathy Kapture are escorted by their dates Doug Taylor and Bob Tomlinson to their places of majesty on the Homecoming court, where they will reign for an evening over their Magic Kingdom.

Cosmetology Seniors Unmask Beauty Hints

Dianne Frangos
Nancy Fredericks

Martha Fredryk
Renee Frey

Sandra Friske
Gregory Furman

Patrick Furmanski
Debra Gabriel

Roy Galdes
Glenn Gall

ABOVE: Since the first step for a good haircut is to cleanse t scalp, Debbie Moilanen shampoos her customer. BELOW: Usi a crimping iron to add curls, Cindi Wichowski frizzes sections color treated hair to give her patron a modern hair style.

LEFT: Using an oil application and a facial mask, Maureen Jenkins applies a beauty treatment. BELOW LEFT: A good haircut requires precision and care. Sectioning hair for a blunt cut, Connie Hankins trims split ends.

Michael Gardner

Shari Gardner

Gerard Gaskey

John Gawura

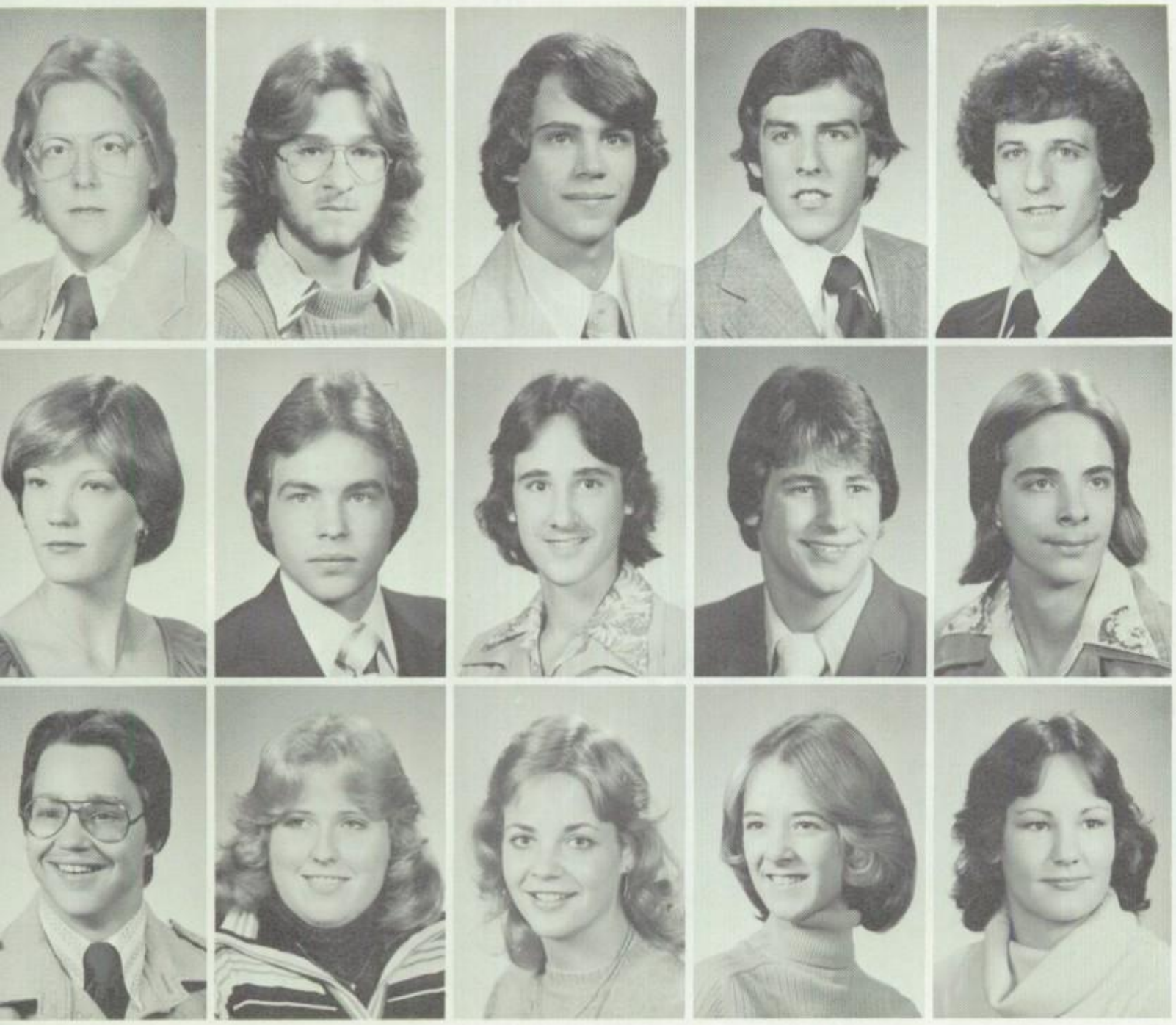
John Gazdecki

Alisa Gernhart
Laurie Gibson
Mike Gies
James Gilbert
Thomas Giummo

Russell Glassmeyer
Bruce Gleba
Colleen Goff
Larry Gollbach
Helen Gomez

Seniors Study Patterns for Domestic Chores

LEFT: Shelley Felix rules her kitchen with an iron pot. BELOW: Jackie Pouget and Kathy Grant develop good exercise habits. OPPOSITE PAGE ABOVE LEFT: Kim Stutler learns new stitches in Creative Crocheting while (RIGHT) Renee Frey practices carving the golden holiday turkey.



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Jesse Goode
Mark Goodis
Michael Gordon
Jeffrey Goryca

Kathleen Grant
Scott Grasel
Dino Grassi
David Graustein
Steven Green

Richard Grima
Leanne Gunn
Lori Gworek
Mary Hagle
Renee Hallabrin

Laura Halliday
Judith Hanba
Pamela Haney
Connie Hankins
Patricia Hannah

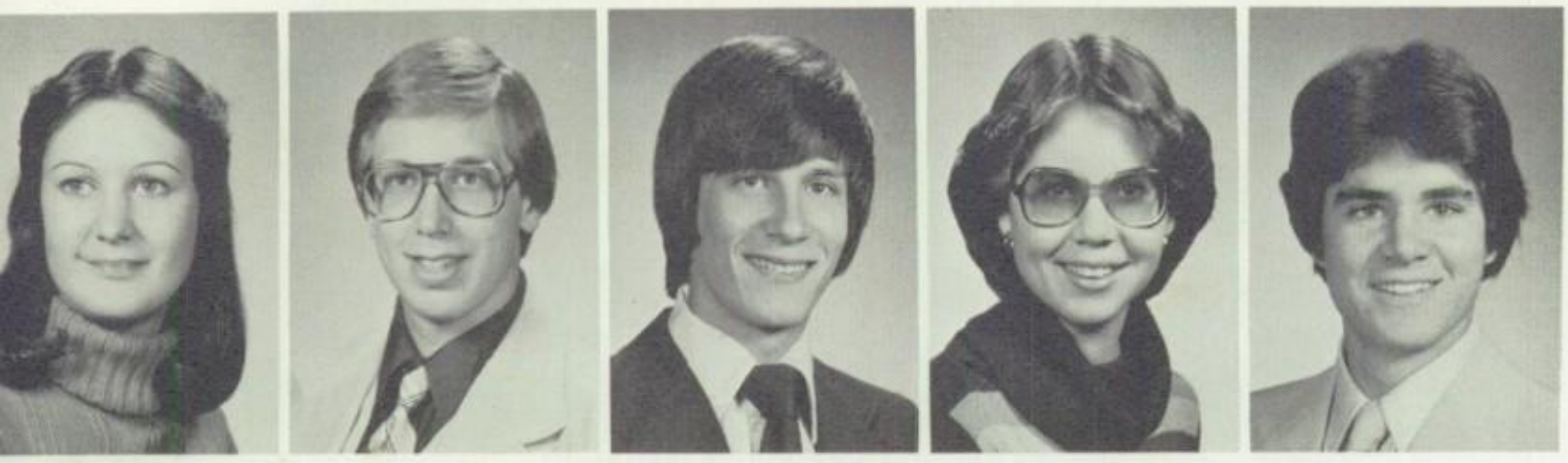
Deborah Hanson
Michael Harcharik
Susan Harris
Keith Harting
Craig Hartley

Susan Harvilla
Gregg Hatley
Kelly Hayford
Bradley Head
Sally Headapohl

RIGHT: Julie Zeppa gobbles the traditional Thanksgiving turkey leg as Jackie Pouget awaits her turn. OPPOSITE PAGE LEFT: Linda Bozzi lets herself go as she portrays Dancer the Reindeer in the Christmas skit. RIGHT: Halloween prompts strange sights as Mike Maironis, Russ Perlin and Don Baloh mask identities.

Susan Hefner
Brian Hess

Bruce Hess
Britta Heyer



Sheryl Hitchcock
Scott Hlad
Cam Hodge
Barbara Hoelscher
Robert Holcombe

Spirited Seniors Celebrate Special Holidays

Cynthia Holinski
Carolyn Hollingsworth
James Holmes
Linda Holt
John Hope

Seniors Feature Printing Skills in Graphics

Anne Hudle

Joe Humphry

Jeffery Hunt

Joan Hunt

Laurel Hunt

Barbara Hunter

Ruth Hutchins

Roger Hyde

Maureen Janowiak

Maureen Jenkins

Lynne Jennings

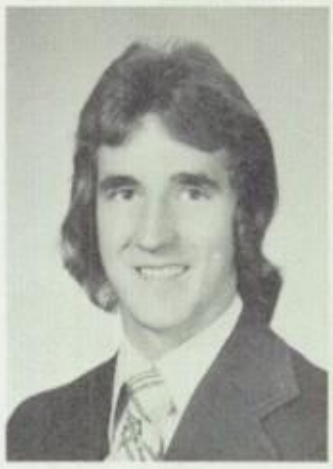
Tara Jeter

Diane Johnson

Mart Joyce

Dale Kain

David Kalanik
Michael Kaljian



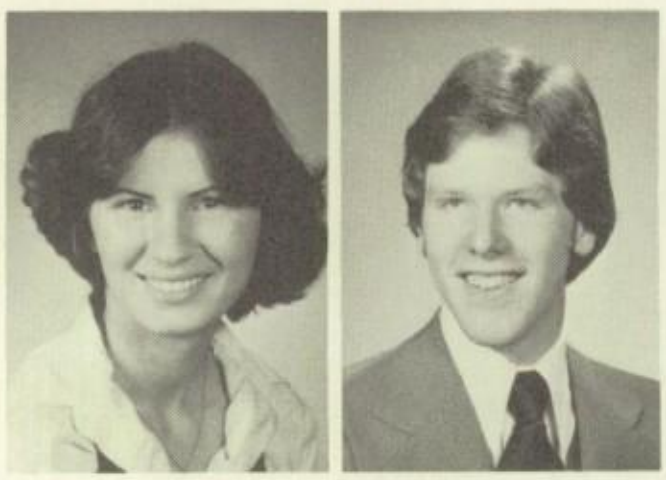
Shawn Kaminski
Susan Kanitra

Denise Kapron
Kathy Kapture

OPPOSITE PAGE LEFT: Turning a plate from engraving into print, Jim Broughton and Dale Kain handle the press' controls. RIGHT: Making sure captions are correct, Janette Ruby runs headliner word tapes. ABOVE: Karen Roy photographs a paste-up while (BELOW) Donna DeCesco finishes a press run. BELOW RIGHT: Creating something from nothing starts with an idea. After step by step procedures, Mike Harcharik and Shari Flanagan complete their planning for an assignment.

Maher Kash
Marc Kee
Rosemary Keenan
Dennis Kelley
Craig Kelly

Seniors Refine Techniques in Art Exploration



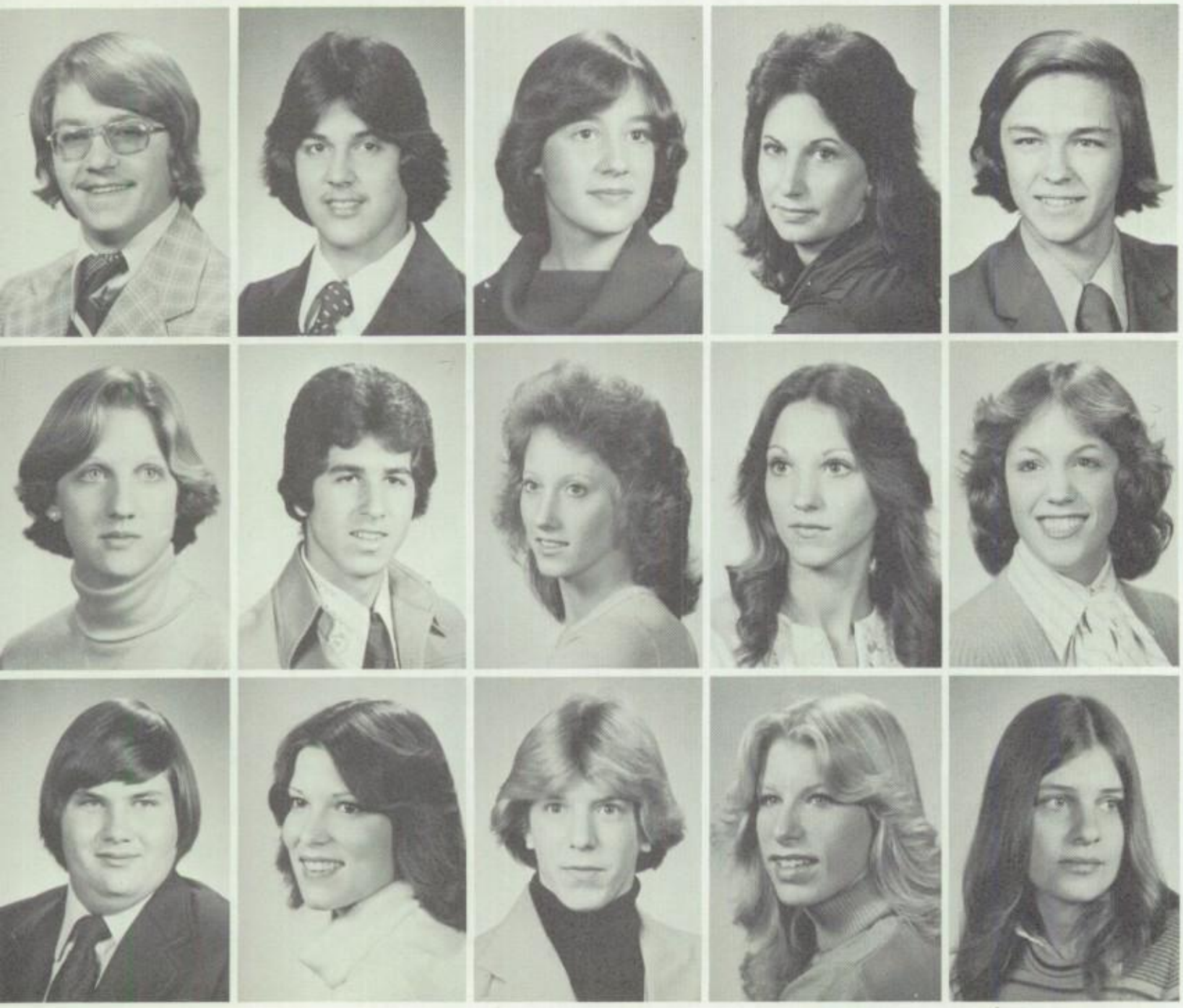
Audrey Kelp
William Kennedy

Terrie Kenyon
Kurtis Kevelin

Mary Kidder
David Kieltyka
David Kirkpatrick
Jeff Kirkpatrick
Carol Klieber

Denise Kline
Mary L. Kline
Mary S. Kline
Richard Klotz
Laurie Knapp

OPPOSITE PAGE: Art Exploration gives students a chance to refine newly learned art techniques and develop advanced ones. Senior Scott Tomlinson molds a paper mache figure sculpture on a wire form. LEFT: Using an alcohol burner to melt wax, Janice Bamford makes a form for a silver ring. BELOW: Sharon Bannester uses a pin vise and a sharp jeweler's saw to cut a piece of metal for her project.



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Peter Korovesis
Jeannie Kosakowski
Darlene Kowaleski
Jeff Kruszewski

Patricia Kuchna
David Kutek
Gloria LaFond
Claudette LaFrance
Donna Lalomia

Michael Lamoureaux
Pamela Langley
Melvin Langowski
Donna Latour
Carolyn Lent

Anthony Leone
Colleen LeVeille

Pamela LeVeque
Daniel Lock

Office Work Provides Model Opportunitie

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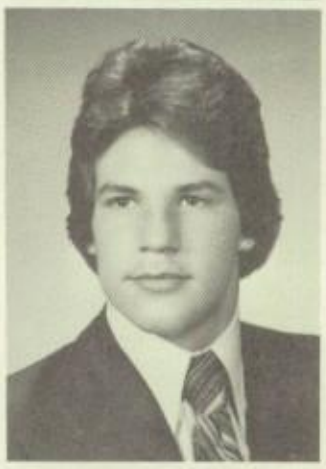
Janet Lovelace
Jon Luoto
Robert Lusk

Teri MacDonell
Roger Mahlmeister
Paul Maiorana
Michael Maironis



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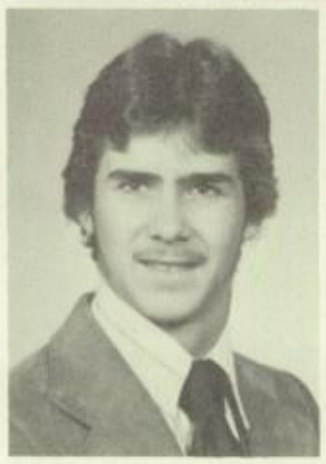
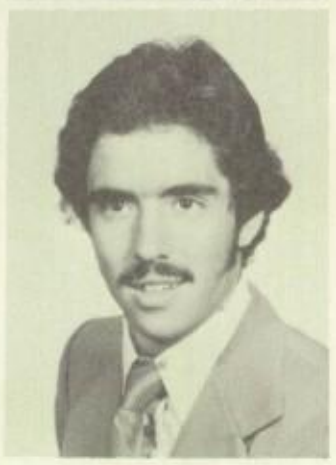
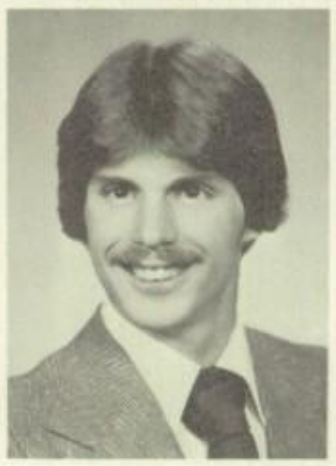






Gregory Martineac
Michelle Matchulat
Lisa Matica
Janet Mattson

Greg May
Chris McBeth
Cindy McCormick
Michael McFarland

OPPOSITE PAGE: Using her deft fingers on the keys, Diane Johnson works rapidly. LEFT: Renee Walblay practices techniques on the Wang Word Processor. ABOVE: Vicki Rhode requires the aid of a calculator.

Maureen McGrath

Ronald McGraw

RIGHT: Donating blood gives people the feeling of doing something important for humanity. Satisfied with the knowledge that his blood could save another person's life, Bruce Alderman recuperates with cookies and juice.

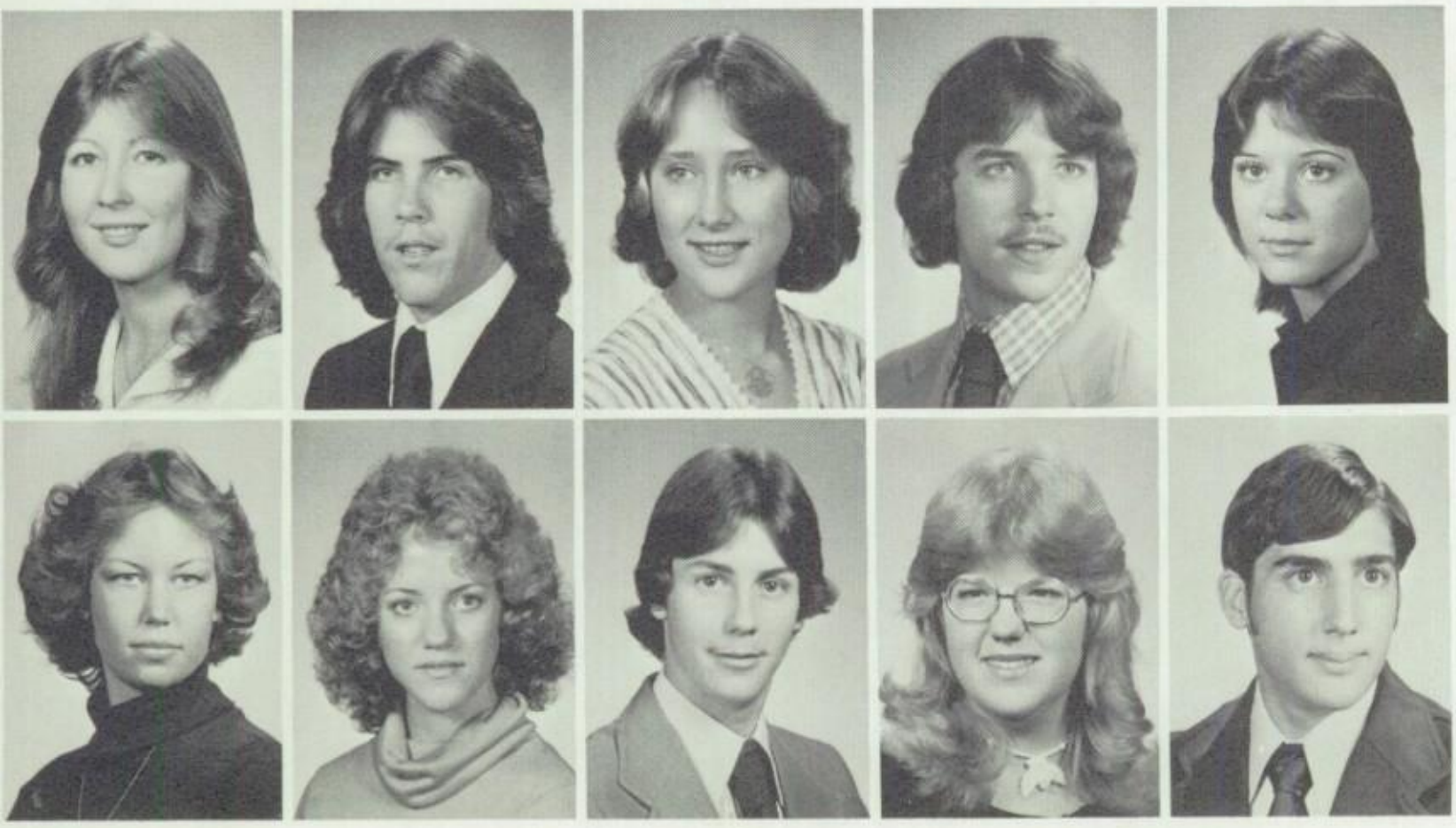
Sandra McKendrick
Susan McKeown
Ronald Measel
Grace Meinschein
Nancy Melasi

Bennie Merucci
Ray Meyer
Jill Meyette
Linda Mielcarek
Barbara Miller

Kevin Modreski
Patricia Moerbe
Deborah Moilanen
Ken Moll
Rebecca Mongrain

ABOVE: Everyone who donates blood wants to help save lives, but the process of giving blood makes many wary. Senior Diane Wester waits for a Red Cross nurse to begin drawing blood. RIGHT: Finding it easy to sit up after her ordeal, Janice Stewart proudly displays her white badge of courage.

Blood Drive Counts on Courageous Seniors



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Brian Muliett
Marilyn Mullins

Colleen Murphy
Dawn Murphy
Tim Murphy
Kathleen Nazars
Robert Nenciarini

Hall Conversations Lighten Passing Moments

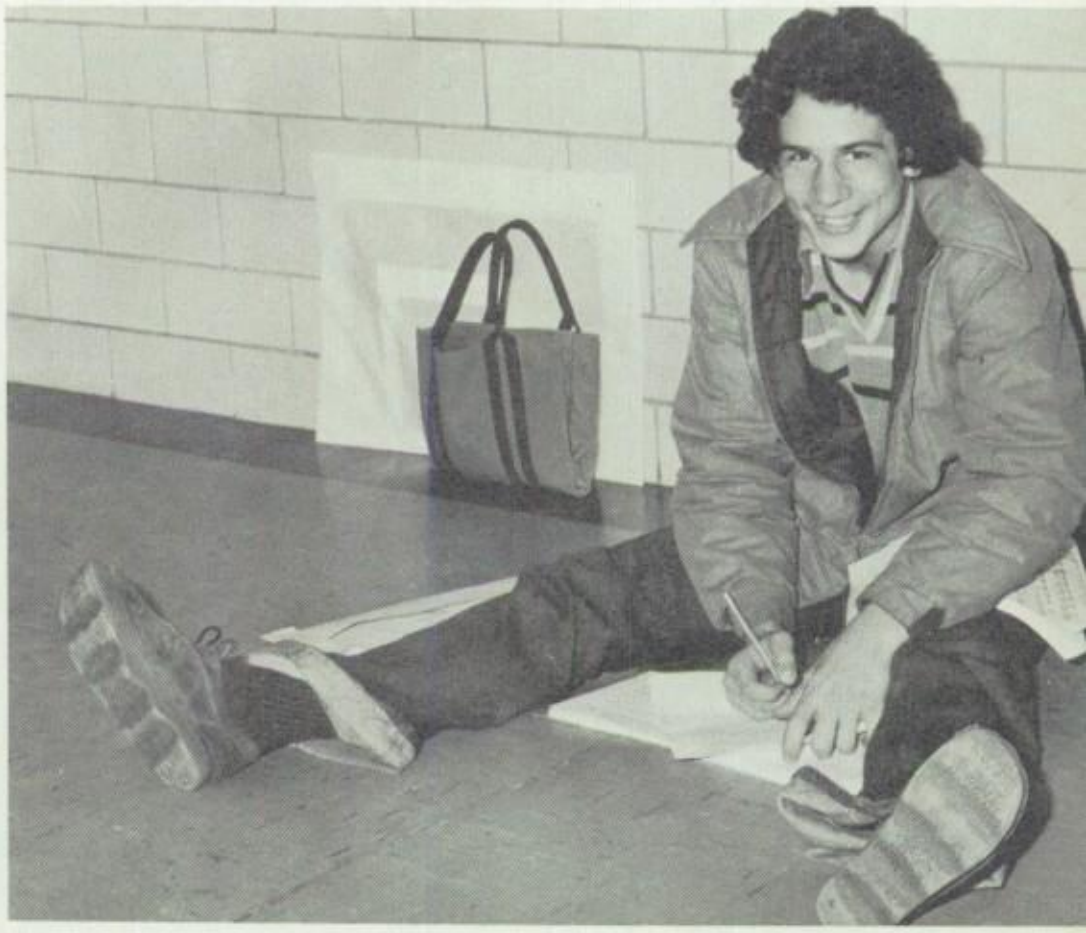
Geraldine Neumann
Nancy Niemiec
Cindy Northway
Karen Norton
Steven Nosakowski

Laurie Noss
John Novak
Kathleen O'Callaghan
Diane O'Dwyer
William O'Hara

Shari O'Keefe
Katy O'Leary
William Orrick
Lance Orrin
Gina Ortale

Peggy Pappas
Theresa Parisien
Mary Ellen Parker
Tamara Pass
Marie Paulantonio

OPPOSITE PAGE LEFT: Spare moments between classes create memories of shared fun for Mark Betts, Michelle Matchulat and senior George Morrison. RIGHT: The hectic schedule of her senior year means Margaret Rozanski must use usually social hall time to study.



LEFT: On the theory that dialogue and interrelations between people lessen barriers and promote understanding, Don Basler and Anne Hudie pause to share conversation. ABOVE: John Gazdecki finishes some crucial homework before his next class begins.

Kris Pedersen
Jill Pender
Glen Petcavage
Denise Petsch
Debra Phillips

Joan Pilar
Bruce Pindzia
Anne Podrasky
Sharon Poggendorf
Michael Poisson

Deborah Poma
Anthony Poplawski
John Poremba
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Sandra Quick
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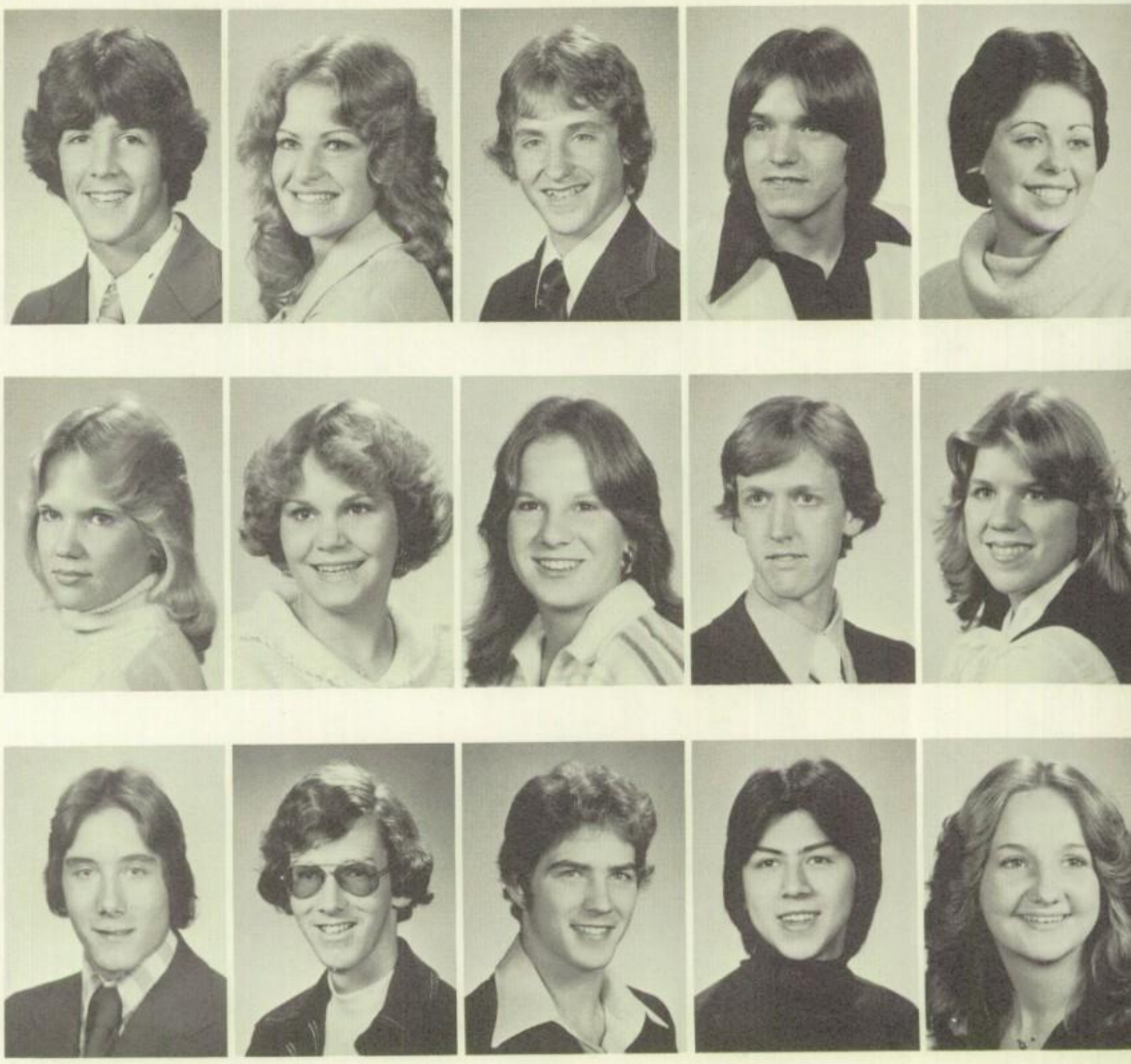
Corinne Razook

Co-Op Seniors Earn Credit, Job Experience



Curt Reynolds
Vicki Rhode
Daniel Rice
Kenneth Richard
Robin Rifenbergh

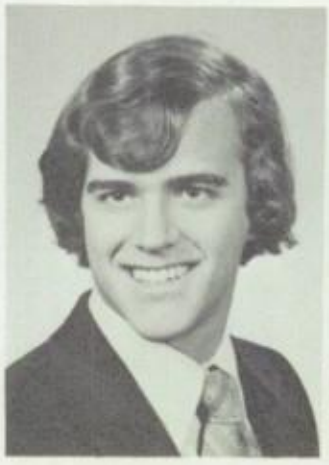
Beth Rigole
Judith Ritzenheim
Renee Rivard
Rene Roberts
Sally Roberts

Ronald Robertson
Randy Robins
James Rochon
Craig Rodriguez
Judy Roe

ABOVE: Helping Mrs. Nelson prepare a daily bank deposit, senior Robin Rifenbergh counts the day's receipts. BELOW: Learning the complexities of computers gives Kevin Modreski money and job experience for his efforts as he distributes attendance sheets. RIGHT: Laura Donovan sorts the morning mail and separates business checks and invoices.

Karen Romej
Susan Romej

Fred Rousseau
Robert Rowan



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Karen Roy

Margaret Rozanski
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Robert Sabaitis
Marc Said

Susan Sakowski
Ann Sangeorzan
Sheila Sarouhanian
John Scerri
Julie Schmid

Kevin Schmitt
Marilyn Schuller
Debra Selesky
Shaheen Shaheen
Laura Shakarjian

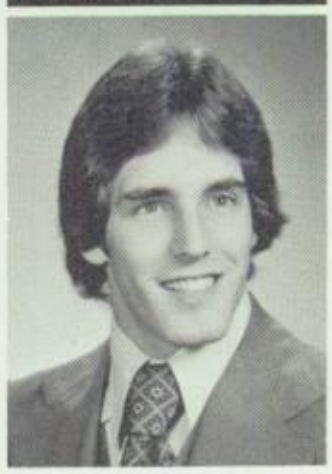
Timothy Shaltis
Becky Sheridan
James Sherman
Robert Shrimpton
Frank Silardi

Lynn Sivertson
Norman Sliwinski
Irene Smith
Joseph Smith
Joyce Smith

Seniors Scan Fields of Computer Program

Sandy C. Smith

Sandy K. Smith



Thomas Smith

Though making life easier is the intended purpose of computers, Pat Moerbe (ABOVE LEFT) and Terry DesAutels (LEFT) realize that mechanization often creates more problems. Carried away with Christmas spirit, Cheryl Bacon, Kathy Nazars, Steve Balke and Kevin Modreski (ABOVE) decorate Mrs. Hoyer's desk with data cards.

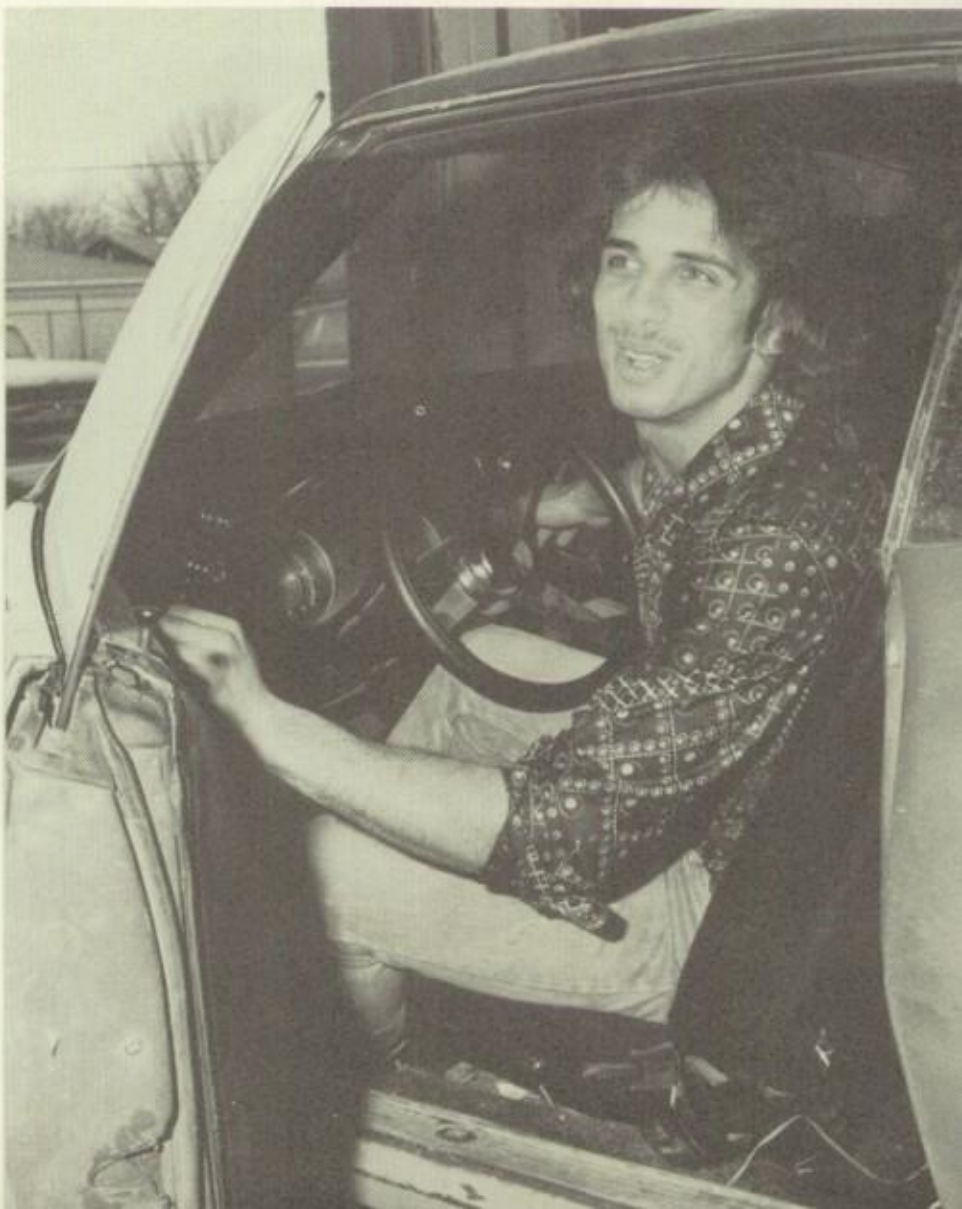
Shine Replaces Rust on Auto Shop Project

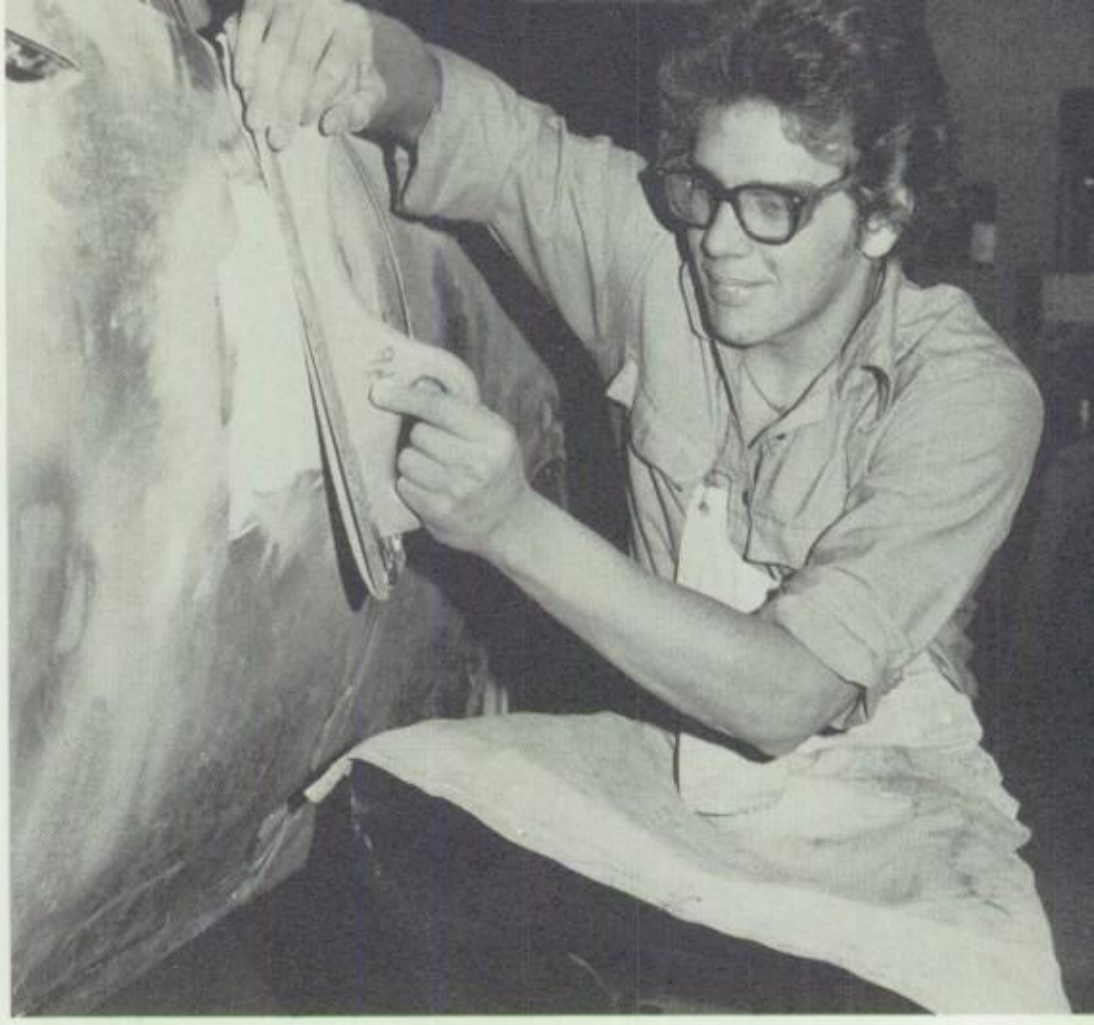
Chris Soucey
Cynthia Spencer
Patricia Sperkoski
Linda Spicer
Eric Stalzer

Ronald Stefan
Karen Stein
Anne Stephen
Mark Stevenson
Janice Stewart

Kenneth Stojak
Greg Strachan
Sandra Sturdy
Kim Stutler
Paul Sublett

BELOW: Bumping out a car dent requires time and patience. By sanding down the excess bondo Jeff Kirkpatrick provides a smooth and polished surface on which to paint. RIGHT: Ready to resume repair on his car, Jim Holmes backs into the garage and prepares to begin work.





LEFT: Before rust spots can be repaired a metal piece must be constructed to cover the damage. With the use of a torch Bill Dalrymple cuts and forms a patch while (ABOVE) senior Loren Corl flat files a newly applied coat of bondo before adding a fresh layer of paint.

Carol Suchenek
Michael Sudekum
Mark Sullivan
Marilyn Sumara
Michael Swansinger

Kenneth Swiantek
Charles Szaflarski
Cynthia Szewczyk
Mary Ellen Szpond
Denise Tabaczewski

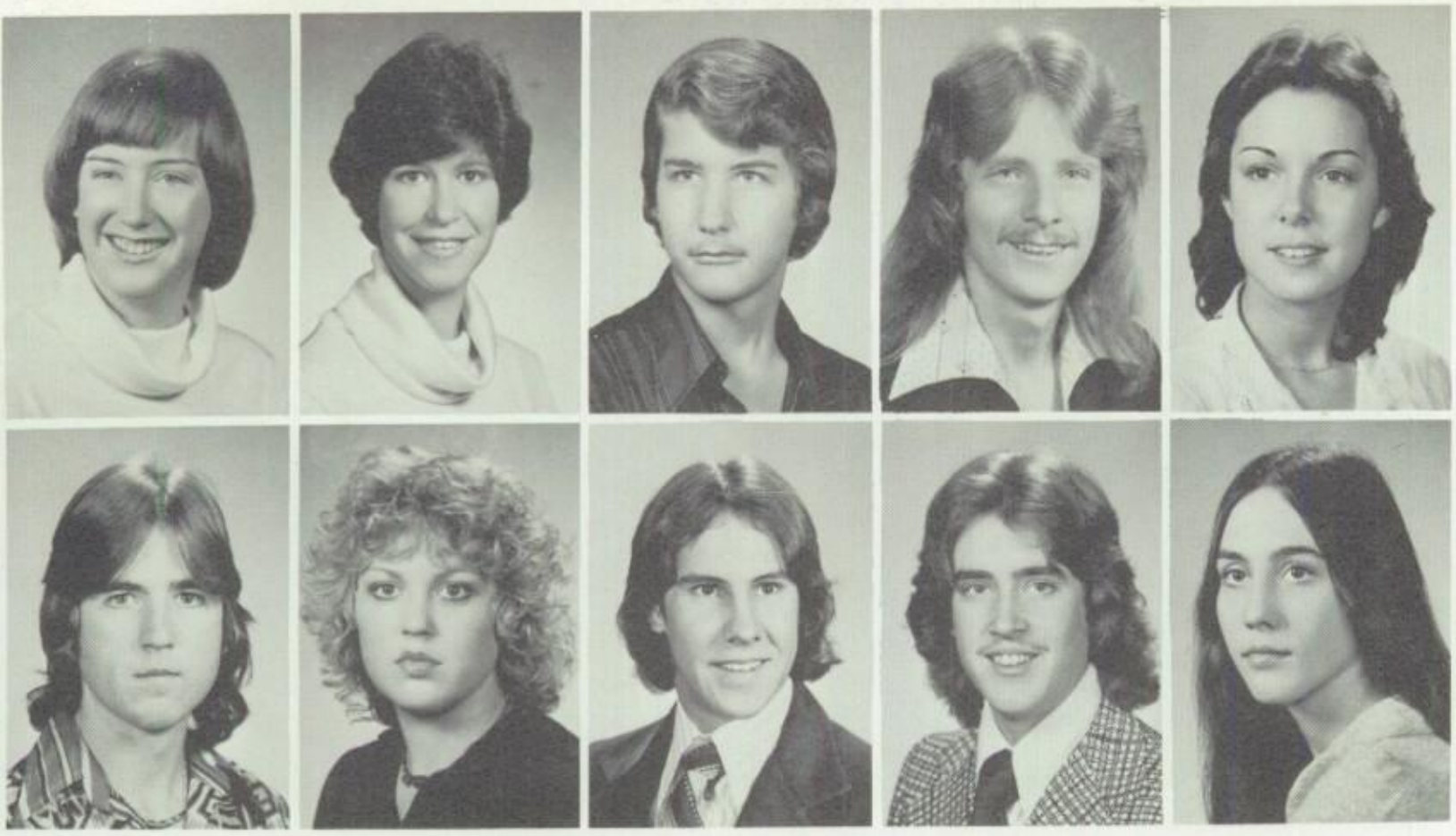
Kevin Talbot
Donna Tapper
Maria Tavares
Cheryl Taylor
Douglas Taylor

Laura Taylor
Maureen Teeley
Shelly Temperley
Jeffrey Terranella
Laurie Theakston

Nancy Thiede
Patricia Thomas
Dianne Thompson
Jeri Thomson
Mary Thrash

BELOW: No qualms as to the victor of window competition, Greg May agrees with Ron Stefan's smug smile of confidence as they predict a senior win even before the judges inspect the Christmas artistry. RIGHT: Adding her artistic touch to the senior painting project, Britta Heyer splashes a new color over the wax design already drawn on the window.

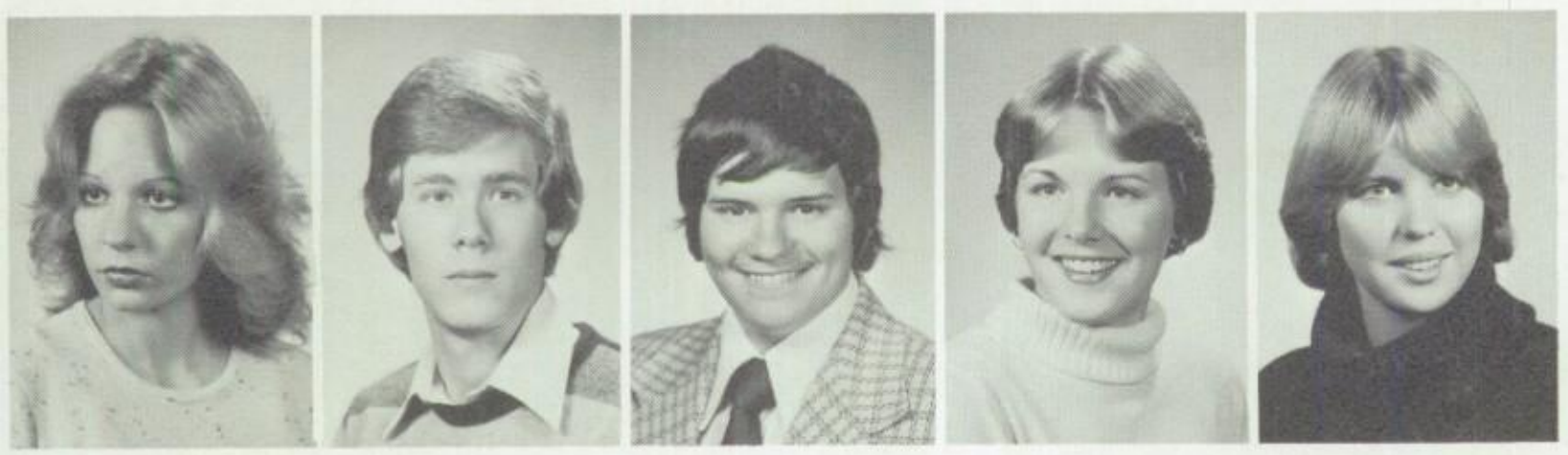
Jill Tomlinson
Scott Tomlinson
Spyro Tsacoumangos
Holly Twichell
John Valantas



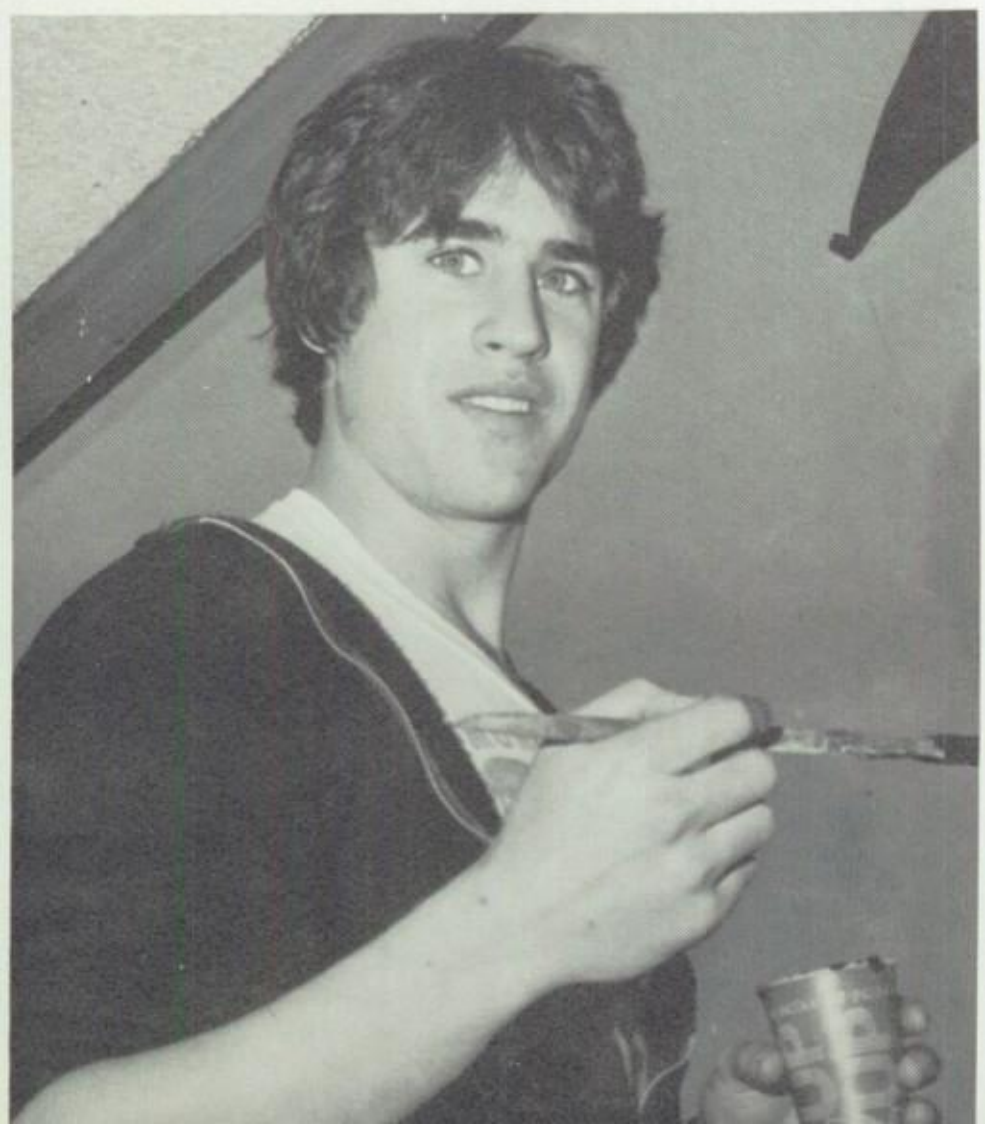
Diane Vanderwalker
Carol Viazanko
Edgars Viksne
Allen Vires
Renee Walblay

Patrick Walsh
Susan Walsh
Craig Ward
Richard Warsow
Sandra Wasik

Winning Seniors 'Deck the Halls' With Color



Laura Wasilewski
Timothy Weigandt
Brad Welsh
Diane Wester
Cindi Wichowski



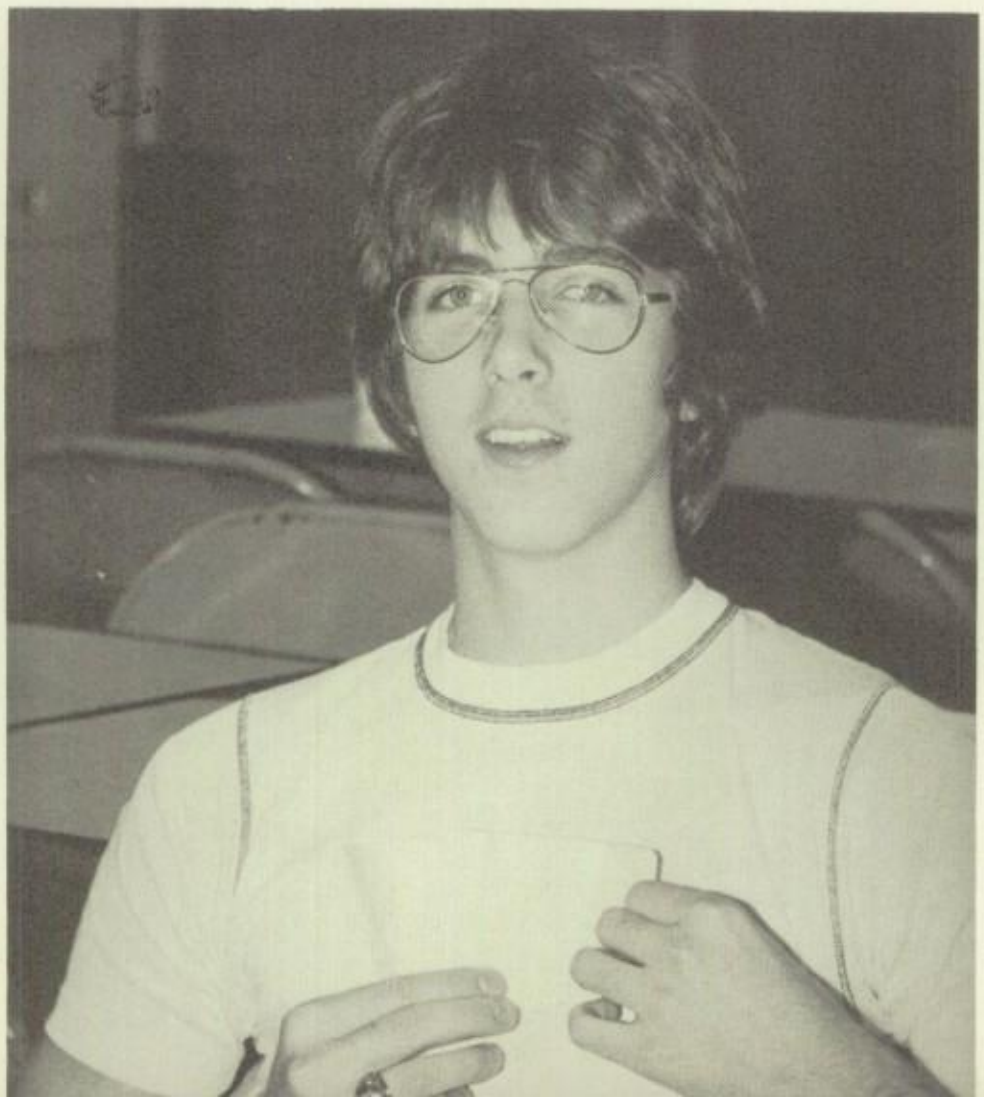
LEFT: Plagued by snow days and delayed deadlines, Bennie Merucci glances at unpainted windows and wonders whether the seniors will ever finish in time for judging. BELOW: Enjoying the fun of Christmas and its activities, Dan Rice laughs at a paint fight going on down the hall.

John Widger
Kenneth Wiesner
Sally Wilamowski
Debbie Williams
Susan Williams

Sherry Wilson
Glenn Winn
Lori Wissman
Cynthia Witherspoon
Mary Beth Woelke

Edward Wohlfeil
Marvin Wojcik
Linda Wood
Dania Worth
Kurt Wunderlich

BELOW: With graduation come many ceremonies and celebrations. To proclaim his exit from Thurston in style, Tim Shaltis completes an announcement order while (RIGHT) Ann Sangeorzan is measured for her graduation cap and gown. OPPOSITE PAGE LEFT: Paying graduation fees, Judy Hanba and (RIGHT) Becky Mongrain complete preliminary preparations.



Bonnie Wylo
Matthew Wyman
Denise Yates
Allen Zaleski
Kenneth Zaleski

Graduation Preliminaries Cost Seniors Cash

Dale Zaremski
Mary Ann Zdeba

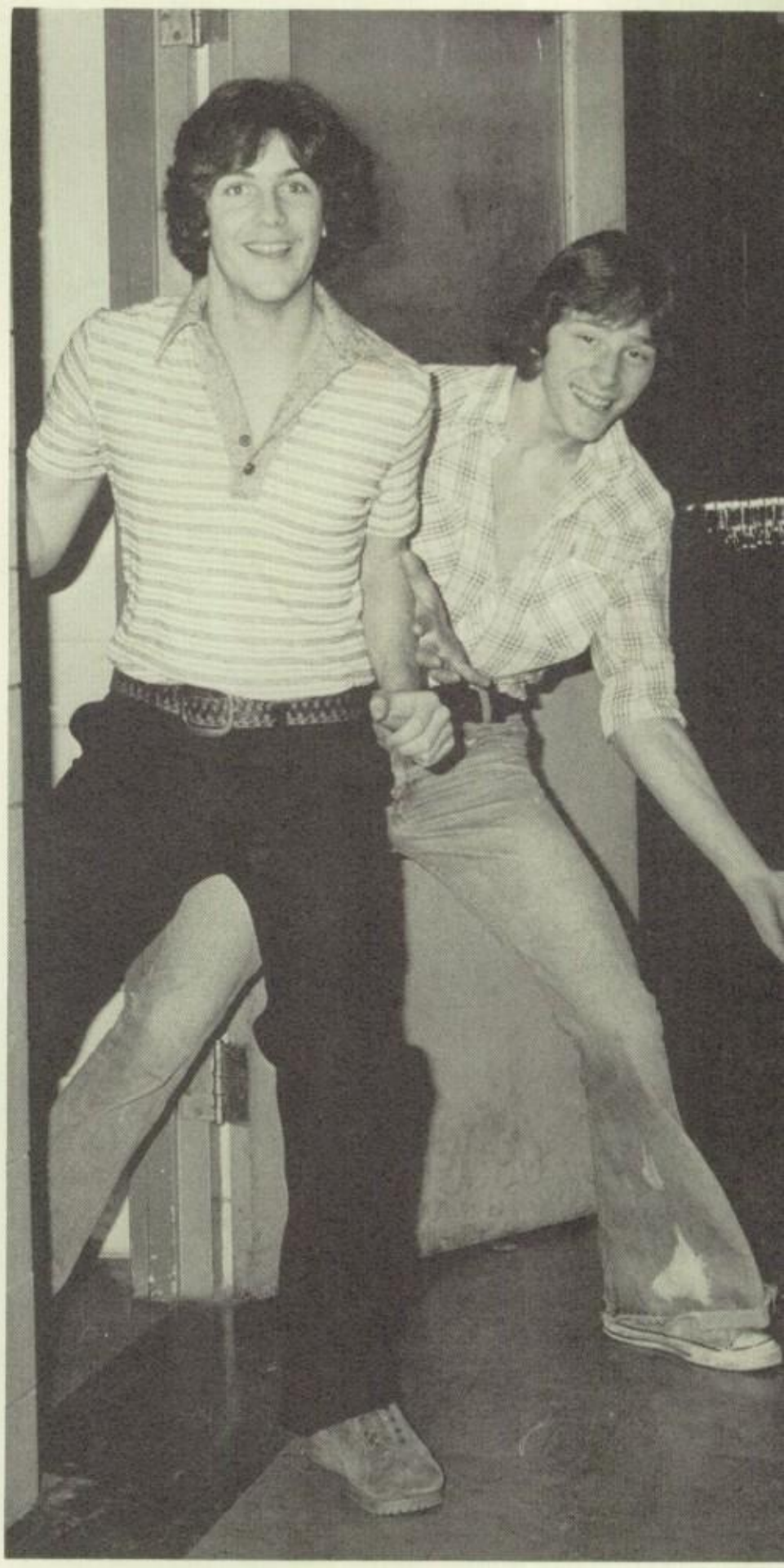
Julie Zeppa
Robert Ziaja

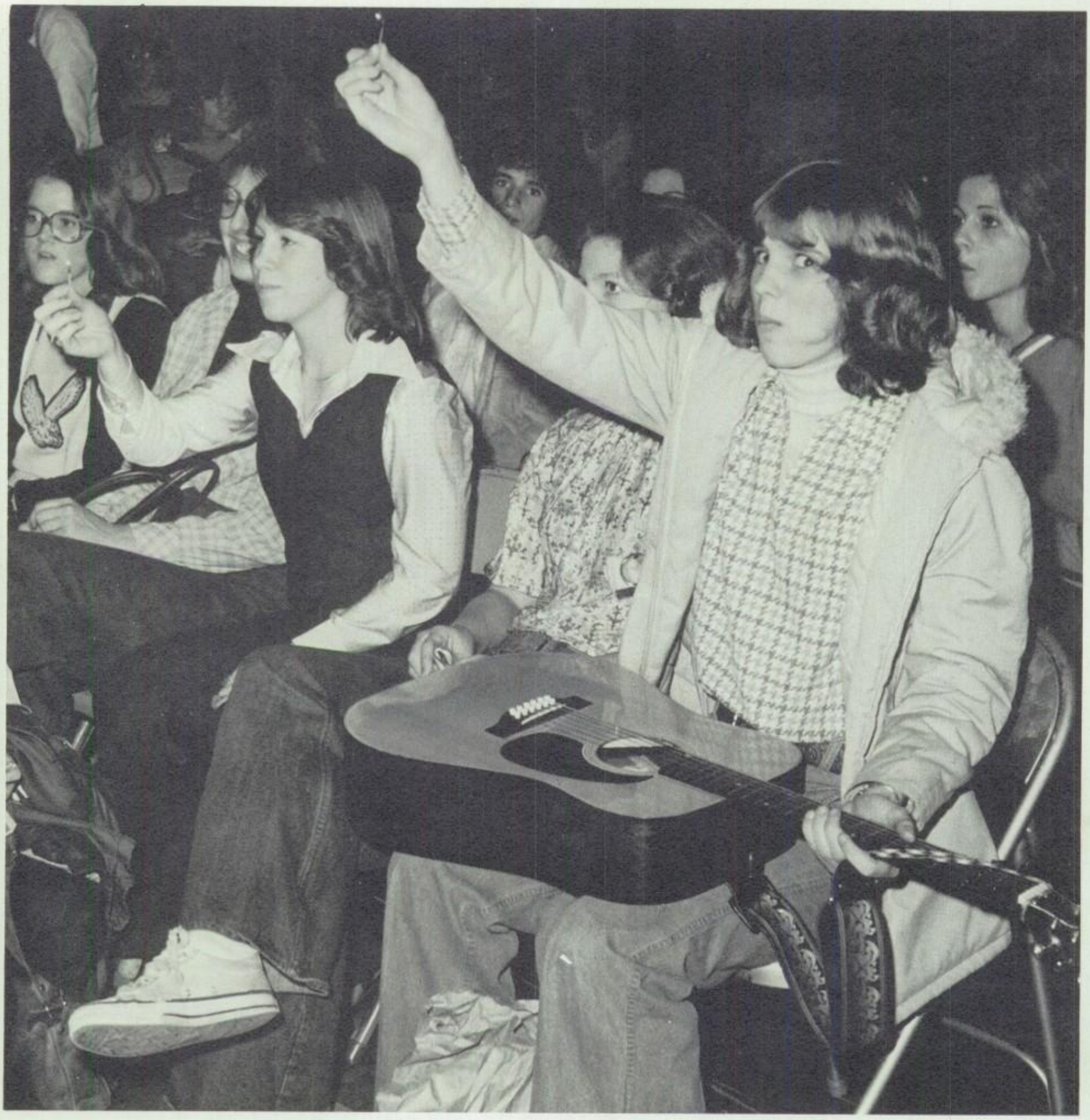
Janet Zielke
Daniel Zuyus

Dodging unwanted homework assignments, Greg Donoghue and Jim Cane find more fun in greeting class time hall walkers.

Matches lit in traditional encore style, Sue Haberek and Sue Beger salute the senior's rendition of Rudolph.

Discovering the
Importance of friends, we
Learn to recognize individuality
And admire each other's
Special qualities. Together we
Share thoughts and ideas,
Teaching and comforting one
Another—learning to regard
Friendship as a
Priceless and invaluable
Treasure.





Underclassmen

Philip Aghababian
Maryann Albus

Barry Alderman
Grace Aliko

Laura Alvey
Daniel Andaloro

Dennis Anderson
James Anderson

Jeff Anderson
Kathy Anucinski

Lynette Argenta
Tom Arsenault

1978 JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS—FRONT ROW: Recording Secretary Atea Duncan and Corresponding Secretary Debby Romej. SECOND ROW: Vice President Liz Woodley, Treasurer Kevin O'Neil, President Craig Schauder and Parliamentarian Sheila Brosnan.

Ellen Ashley
Debby Atkinson
Buddy Ault
Bonnie Aussicker
Linda Aussicker
John Azzopardi
Garet Babcock

Junior Officers Court Leadership Positions

Dan Baker
Gretchen Baker
Rhys Baker
Laura Ballard
Sharon Balliet
Diane Barbara
Mark Barbour

Carol Barylski
Carol Bashara
Chris Bauman
Debbie Baxendale
Roseann Beall
Phil Beck
Suzanne Beger

Cheryl Begley
Laura Bekkala
Renee Bell
Jan Belles
Joe Benedict
Mark Benedict
Lori Bieske

Laura Birman
Anne Biskner
Curtis Blake
Gwyn Blascak
Jerry Bonnici
Mark Borawski
Peggy Bostic

Jim Boyer
Sharon Boykin
Greg Bozimowski
Ron Bozzi
Pete Bradley
Jeff Brinza
Joel Britton

Sheila Brosnan
Judy Brown
Lisa Buchholz
Cathy Budd
David Burger
Gary Butzke
Laurie Byrne

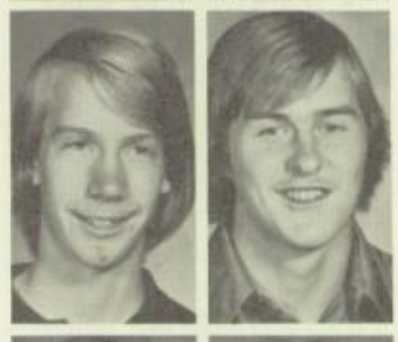
Anna Caims
Ruth Campbell
Doreen Cane
James Cane
Rich Canestraro
Chuck Carlson
Terri Caruso

Visions of Creative Art Captivate Juniors

LEFT: An artist's impressions of wildlife animals is easy for a spectator to appreciate. Diane McGeary admires the lion's colors and the lines that allow its mane to flow realistically. ABOVE: Shades of contrast convey movement and the concept of freedom to Cindi Waynick, who gives a critic's glance to geese in flight.

Pat Caudill
Toni Centofanti
Denise Ceravolo
Anne Marie Chalk
Victor Chomic
Susan Christensen
Paul Christy

Bruce Clapham
Sue Coe
Tim Cornell
Ann Marie Cotter
Joyce Cowan
Paul Crepeau
Matt Cretney



Nick Cretu
John Cristiano
Linda Crosato
Lori Crosato
Dawn Curtiss
Bob Cutsinger
Sue Dahlka

LEFT: Dreaming of far away places, Kim Deleary appreciates the colors of a lighthouse seascape. BELOW: Linda Crosato examines the form of Sue Harvilla's clay sculpture, a work of art that required defined shaping and careful glazing.

Darlene Darga
Larry D'Ascenzo
Theresa Dattilo
Kathy Davidge
Penny Dec
Kathy Dechko
Carla Defelice

Nancy Defoe
Karen Deleary
Kim Deleary
Debbie Denton
Dewain Diacono
Myra Diakiw
Lenard Diefenbach

Mark Dietrich
Joe Dobday
Matt Donaghue
Robin Donohoe
Theresa Dore
Karen DosSantos
Carey Dowdy

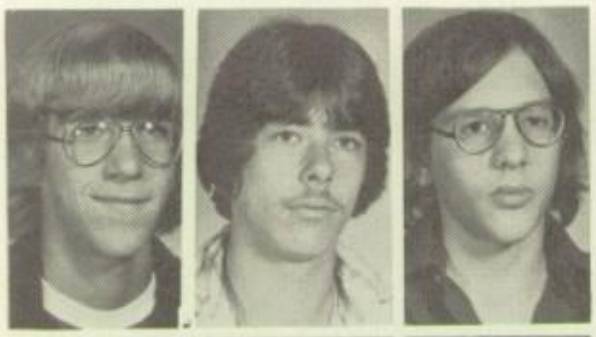
Friends Journey Through Junior Kingdom

Bob Dugas
Atea Duncan
Ian Dunn
Gordon Dziedziak
Tom Ekorn
Sharon Faldowski
Leonard Farrugia
Tim Fazzini

Pete Fedorko
Gail Ferkel
Mike Fitzsimmons
John Flumerfelt
Mike Forrester
Mark Forsythe
Robert Fountain
Janet Fox

Nan Fox
William Fox
Jim Frank
Bob Fredericks
Debbie Fuchs
Tim Fuller
Tom Gagnon
Kathy Galdes

Jeff Garris
David Gatt
Clark Gaydos



Pete Georgiou
Char Geralds
Vicky Giannosa

William Gibson
Bill Gilbert
Dan Glass

RIGHT: Juniors Gina Maceratini, Judy Brown, Linda Klotz, Sue Beger and Sue Haberek join their classmates in loud Homecoming cheers. OPPOSITE PAGE TOP: Pete Letkemann portrays conductor for passenger Donald Duck. BELOW LEFT: Mark Dietrich escorts Junior Princess Kathy Anucinski as she takes her place with the court. RIGHT: Presenting their class centerpiece, Sheila Brosnan, June Serbay and Jan Vezina proudly display a Junior Kingdom castle.

Mary Glassmeyer
Mary Glomb
Joe Gomez
Wendy Gonzalez

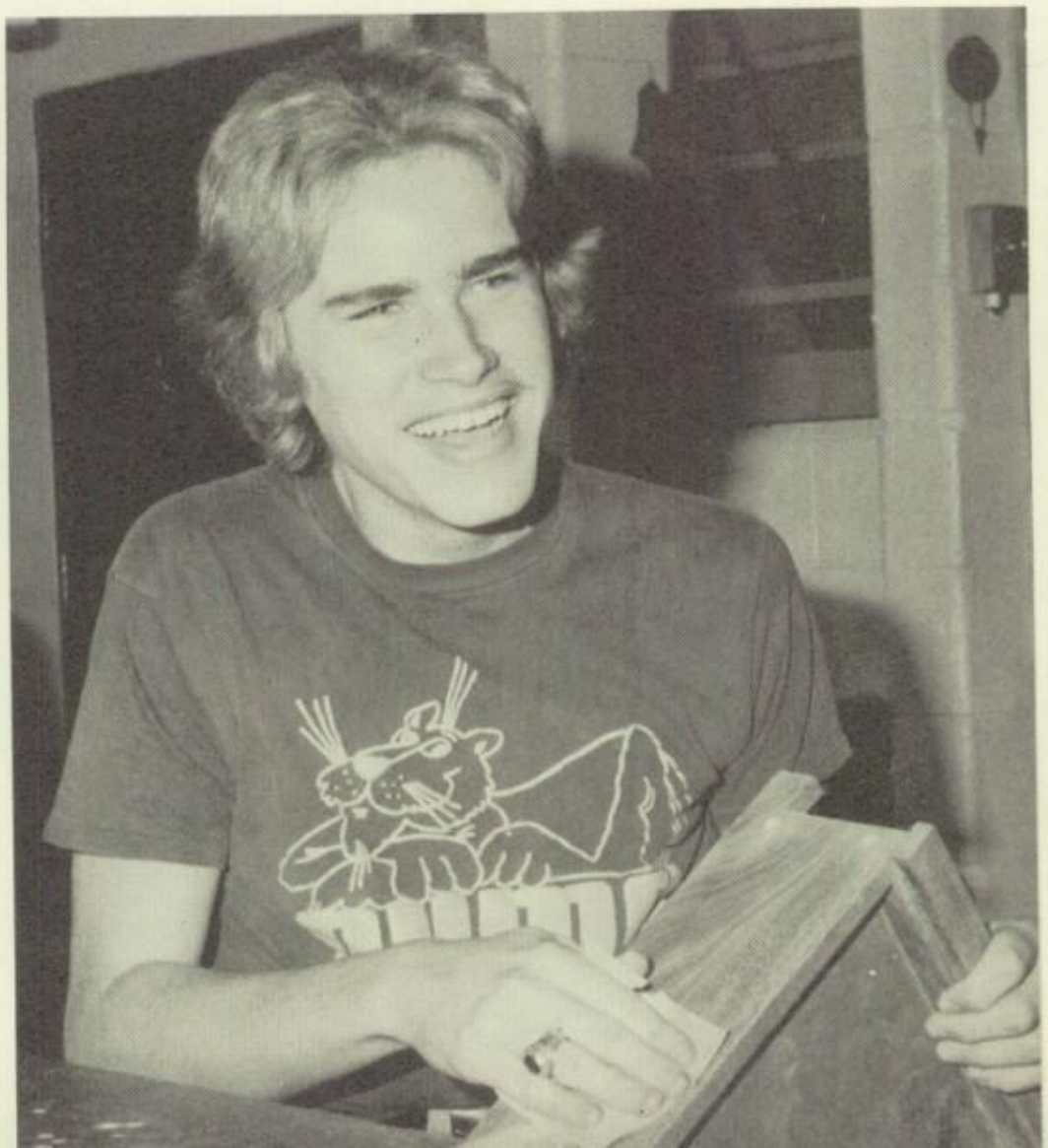
Debra Gore
Kim Grace
Dan Graham
Nancy Greenhow
Duane Gregg
Jim Grieve
Joyce Guilbault

Adam Gutowski
Sandy Haberek
Sue Haberek
Ken Hack
Colleen Hamel
Duane Harbowy
Jackie Hart

Denise Hartley
Tom Hayes
Chris Headrick
Sue Heger
Mike Helgren
John Hietala
Debbie Hill

Juniors Dovetail Projects in Woodworking

LEFT: Using a table saw to make a smooth cut for a mitered joint, Rick Jordan connects beveled edges for a proper fit. BELOW: Fine sanding to create a good surface before applying a stain, Tom McGee finds woodworking can also be a time to share social conversation with friends. OPPOSITE PAGE ABOVE LEFT: Sanding a flat area is time consuming but easy. However, sanding curves requires more complex equipment. For Ray Poremski the drill press facilitates the difficult finish sanding step while (ABOVE RIGHT) Steve Viazanko coordinates his sanding procedures with an ability to sympathize with woodworkers in trouble.



Diane Hill
Linda Hilton
Diane Hitchcock
Dave Holmes
Douglas Holmes
Laurie Holmes
Don Hoppe

Paul Hruska
Heidi Hughes
Sandy Hulgan
Joyce Humphries
Kathy Hunt
Leeanna Jackson
Dan Janisse

Patty Janssens
Sylvia Jarzembski
Mark Johnson
Doug Joyal
Laura Juracek
Chris Justice
Kevin Kalis

Brian Kane
Judie Kangas
Jim Kapaun
Jim Kapelanski
Jerry Karasinski
Lisa Karczewski
Cheryl Karhu

Glenda Karns
Nancy Karr
Dennis Karro
Laura Kaske
Nancy Kelly
Sue Kelly
Karen Kerr

Sam Kharsa
Barb Killam
Kathy Kiniry
Kim Kirk
Mike Kirkup
Don Klebba
Cynthia Kleczynski

Juniors Balance Assets, Career Choices

John Klopcic
Lynda Klotz
Karen Kompoltowicz
Ken Korzym
Mike Kosakowski
Chuck Kostegian
Terri Kowal

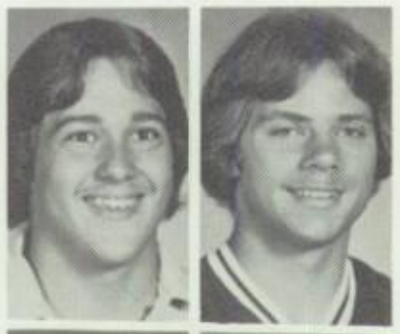
LEFT: Learning first semester shorthand theory, Denise Ceravolo practices forming outlines. BELOW: Pat McGhie decides that a typing error is upsetting but only a minor irritation. OPPOSITE PAGE: In Accounting Pete Bradley finishes his fiscal period financial statement.

Chris Kozlowski
Barbara Kramek

Kevin Kroll
Kevin Krull

David Kruszewski
Jay Kruz

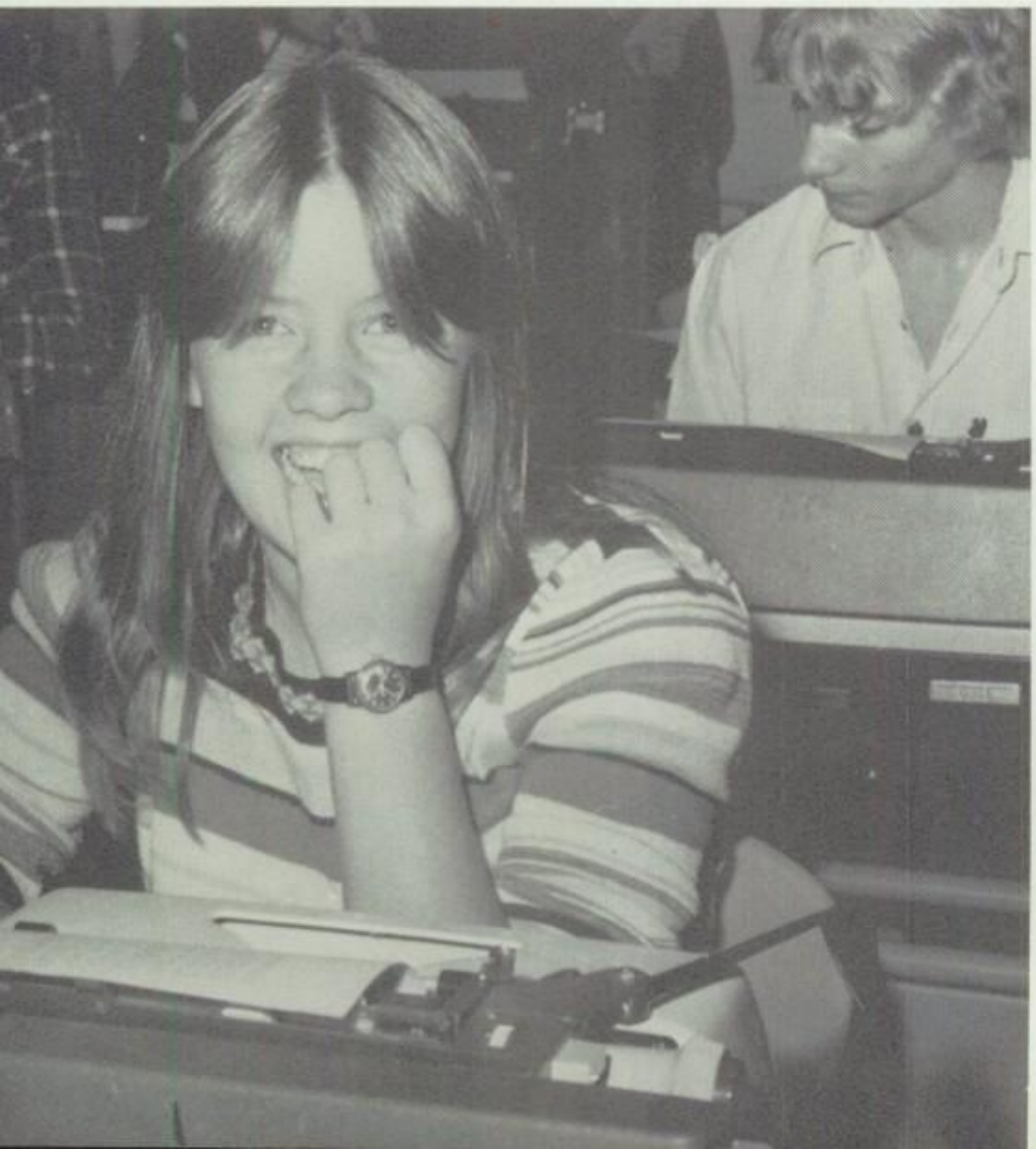
Cindy Kulas
Brian Kurnick



Rob Kurnick
Scott Kursa

Gary Kuschel
Lorraine LaFrance

Dan Langley
Debbie Langley

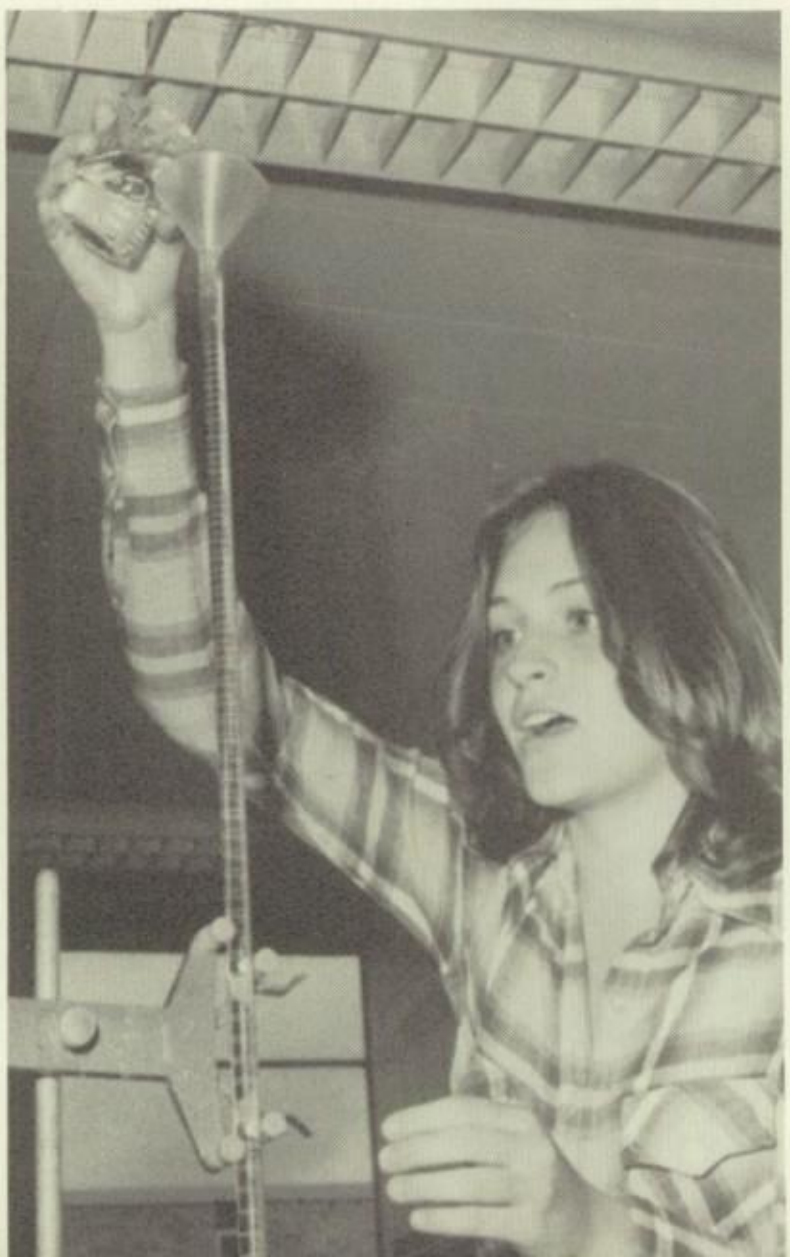


Laurie LaRose
John Laurin
Joe Laybourn
Brian Legowsky
Craig Legowsky
Mary Lemon
Rick Lepkowski

Janet Lesniak
Pete Letkemann
Lori LeVeque
Larry Lewalk
Barb Lewis
Bob Litwinczuk
Cathy Lloyd

Ron Lomas
Belinda Lombardo
Laurie Londberg
Jeff Long
Dave Longley
Robin Luedtke
Gina Maceratini

Pat MacIver
Maria Mackowski
Paul Maertens
Carolyn Malhoit
Dane Manker
Michele Mann
Ann Manning



Scientists Funnel Theories Into Concepts

OPPOSITE PAGE LEFT: Funneling vinegar into their chemistry experiments, Donna Murphy and (LEFT) Jeff Garris analyze for acid by titration. OPPOSITE PAGE RIGHT: Linda Hilton holds Lance, the biology department's rag mop guinea pig.

Hala Mansur
Donna Marini

Melissa Matthews
Dennis Mauney

Jeff May
Kirk Mayes

Bruce Mazurowski
Beth McAskin
Tim McAteer
Diane McGeary
Tom McGee
Patty McGhie
Sue McGinn

John McGrath
DeAndrea McHugh
Marie McKay
Diana McLean
David McMillan
Donald Meadors
Bruce Meller

Pat Meredith
Chuck Merucci
Matt Meyer
Jay Miller
Kirk Miller
Robert Miller
Richard Minton

Debbie Misko
Colleen Miszak
Dave Modic
Brian Moen

Andy Monforton
Marc Monforton
Kristen Moran
Ronda Moran

Jeanell Moreland
Laura Morris
Wendy Morris
Cammy Morse

Starved Junior Gourmets Devour Cracke

ABOVE: Amid the clutter of purses and brown ba Linda Smith and Darlene Darga share a lunch time s prise. LEFT: Karen Kompoltowicz, Kathy Anucinski a Darlene Poplawski use leisure moments to sociali BELOW: Joe Dobday snacks on Cracker Jack wh (OPPOSITE PAGE) Nancy Karr waits in line to pay fo bag of potato chips.

Chris Muliett
Dave Muller
Glenn Murawski
Donna Murphy

Steve Murphy
Chris Naufel
Barb Neil
Pete Newton

Phillip Niemiec
Ken Nix
Dave Nordby
Michele Norton

Jack Delicacies

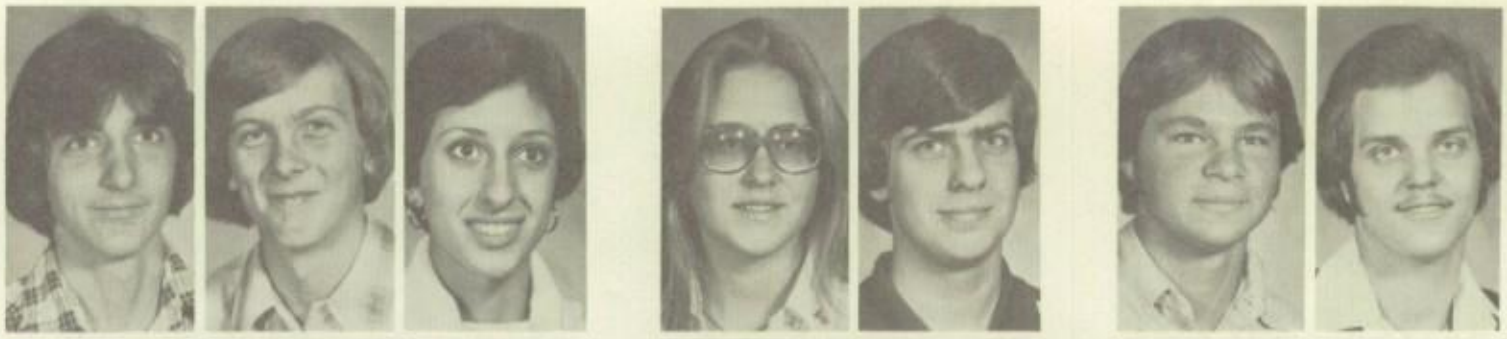
Mary Nowak
Lori Nowotarski
Dennis Noyes
Kraig O'Bradovich

Pam O'Loane
Kevin O'Neil
Keith Oppat
Jeff Orzel

Karen Ourso
Anthony Paciero
Diane Pamula
Albert Patrash

Lael Patterson
Bob Pearson
Debbie Pedersen
Chris Pellerito

Joe Pellerito
Pat Perreault
Robin Perri
Jean Petcavage
Karl Peters
Algis Petrulis
Kevin Phillips



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Kim Podgorniak
Laura Polidori
John Polson
Kathy Popiel
Darlene Poplawski
Ray Poremski

Sheila Porter
Colleen Price
Dawna Pritchett
Patti Provenzano
Randy Radloff
Robert Rakoski
Laurie Rammel

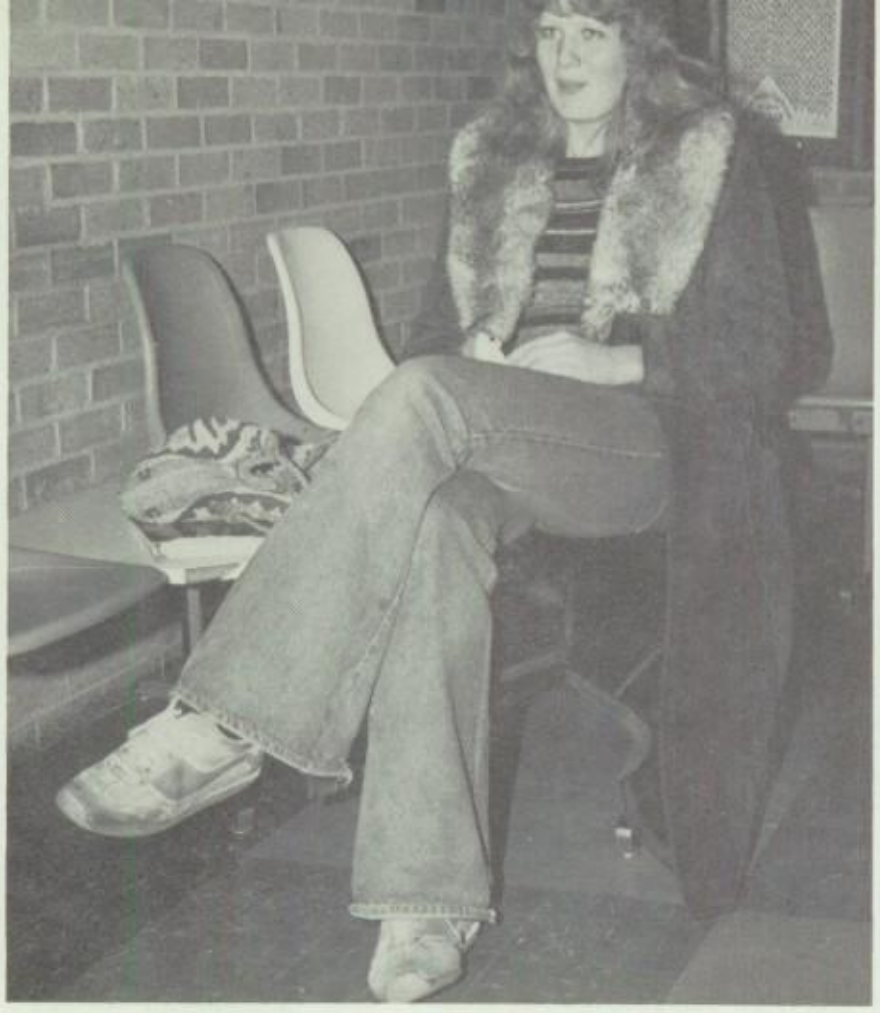
Spare Time Spurs Corridor Friendships

Pam Reed
Lynne Reid
Kevin Reilly

Mike Reilly
Yvonne Reineke
Danette Richards

Mark Ridenour
Lynn Riecker
Liz Roberts

Marilyn Roberts
Todd Robin
Diane Robinson



OPPOSITE PAGE: Jay Kruz and Charlene Geralds find that locker visits are a good way to spend moments between classes. ABOVE: Without a driver's license most students spend time waiting for a ride. In the lobby Dannette Richards waits for a friend. BELOW: Karen DosSantos and Debbie Hill find a moment to smile during conversation.

Mark Roggero
Dan Romej
Debby Romej

Tim Roughley
Michele Rouleau
Wesley Rujan

Crystal Ruchlow
Liz Rust
Lynn Sarkany

Sandi Sawle
Tom Scanlon
Tanya Schaller

Craig Schauder
Diane Scherbarth
Carol Schilling

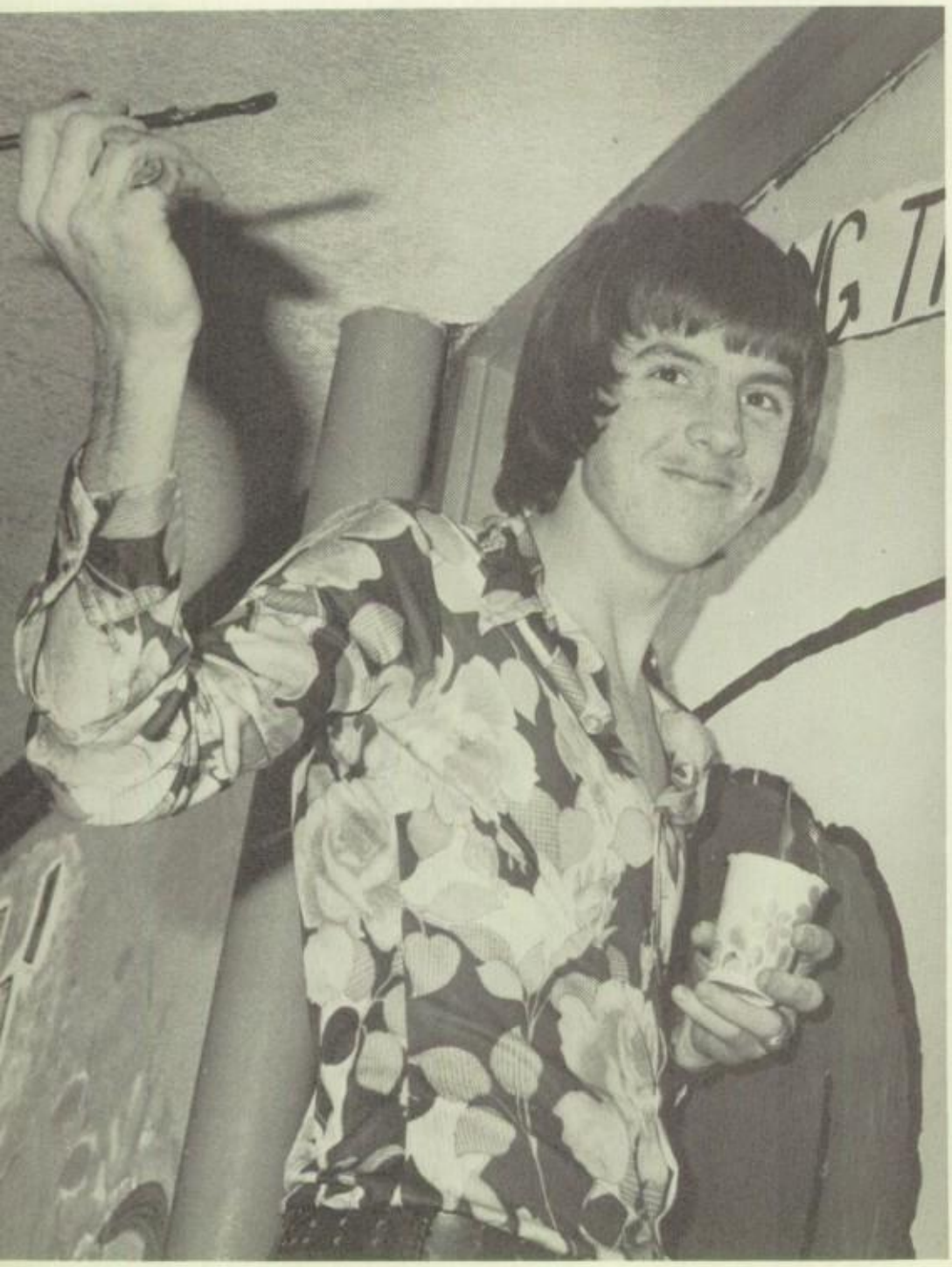
Linda Schleuning
Shannon Schwaderer
Dale Seguin

June Serbay
Kathy Shemwell
Vicky Sherman

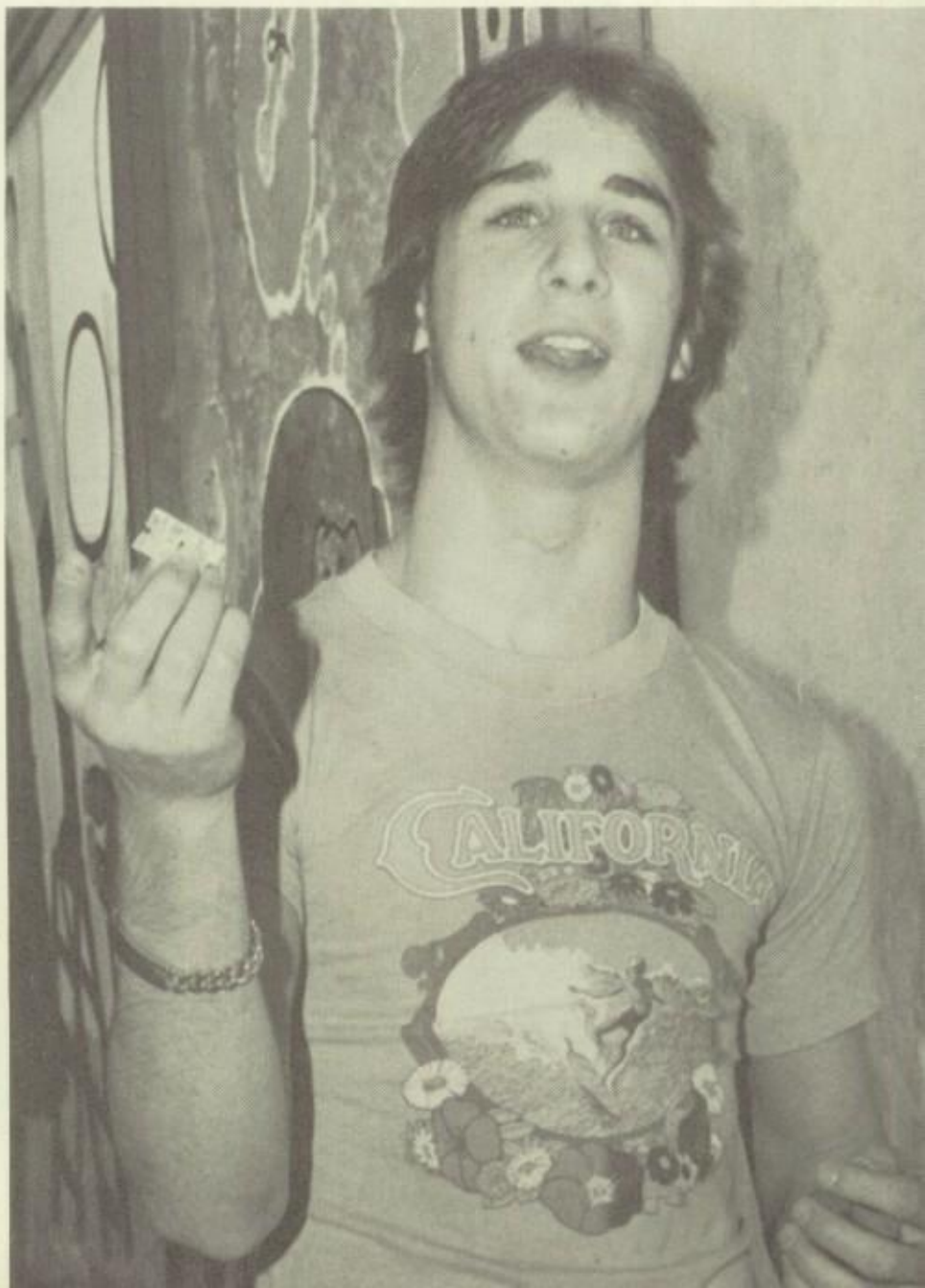
Sheryl Shrimpton
Robin Sielaff
Janine Sims

Colleen Sivyer
Colleen Smith
Jim Smith

Linda Smith
Rich Smith
Loraine Smukal



ABOVE: Outlining letters in a window caption, Gina Maceratini uses steac brush techniques. BELOW LEFT: Leonard Temmen paints with artistic fla BELOW: Chuck Merucci uses a razor blade to erase a mistake. OPPOSIT PAGE ABOVE: Tom Arsenault adds color to his sketch. BELOW LEFT: Ro Kurnick and (RIGHT) John Cristiano complete Family Circus characters.



Mike Snyder
Phil Snyder

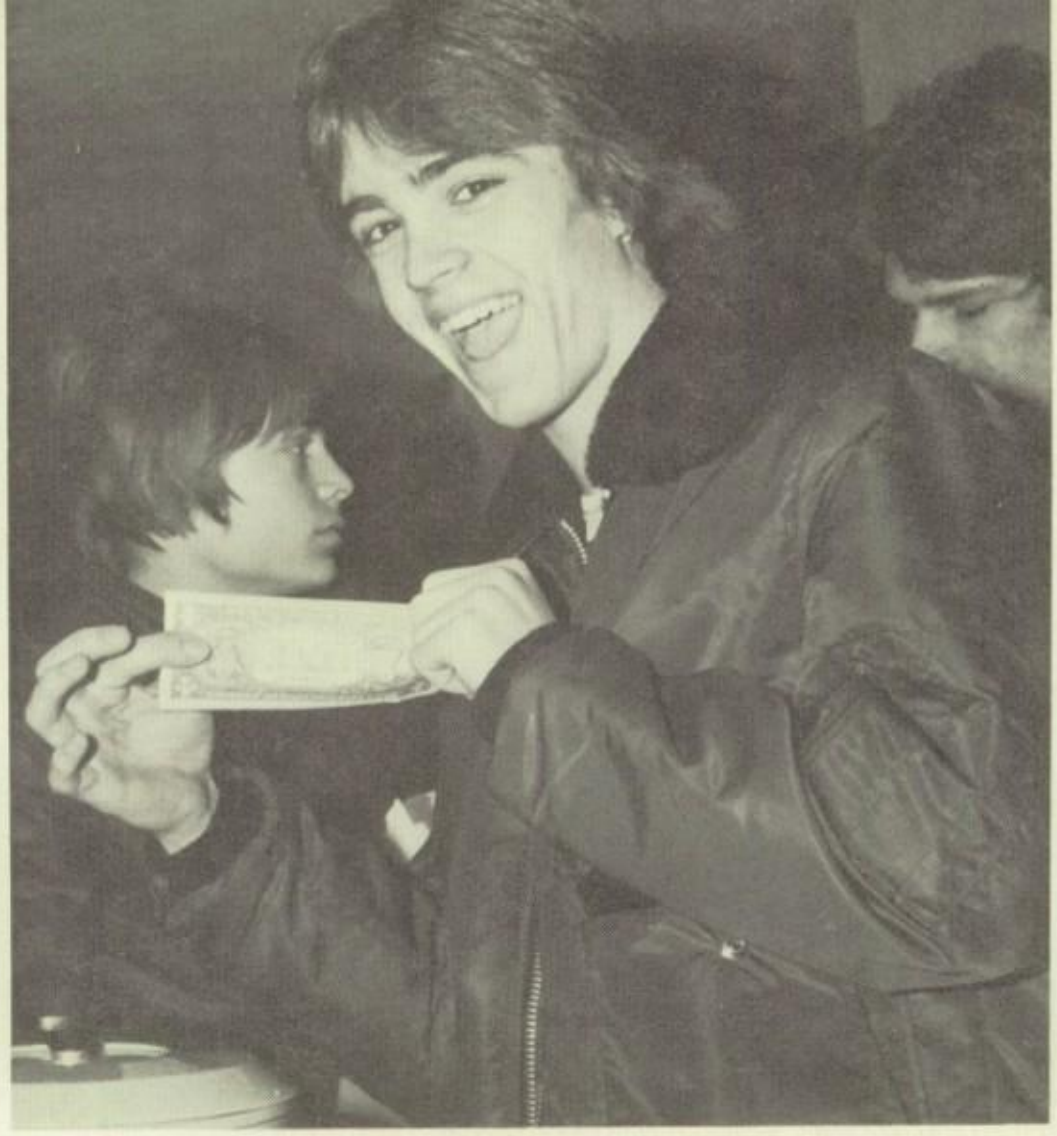
Joan Soucey
Jim Spencer

Brian St. Ledger
Paul Standley

Juniors Display Family Circus Window Art

Jeff Stankiewicz
Cheryl Staron

Dave Stasinski
Roy Stefanko



Juniors Sell Doughnuts to Hungry Dozens

Al Stern
Tracy Stone
Dave Sulkowski
John Taube
Lyn Tavares
Angie Teeters
Leonard Temmen

Rudy Troy
Kelly Tudman
Kim Turnbull
Janet Uglean
Lutfi Ural
John Valchine
Jill Valdez

Veronica Veresh
Janet Vezina
Steve Viazanko
Maureen Vick
Carol Viforeanu
Rick Virzi
Diana Waddell

Sheila Walsh
Jeff Wandyg
Cindi Waynick
Laura Weaver
Chuck Wehde
Tom Whear
Chris White

Leslie White
Jackie Wick
Chuck Wikentiew
Shelly Wiley
Ramona Wilkinson
Dawn Williams
Kevin Wilson

Mike Wilson
Lynn Winek
David Woodhead
Liz Woodley
Chris Wunderlich
Mike Wyman
Glenn Wysocki

Mike Yates
Roger Young
Gintas Zaranka
Mary Ziemba
Mark Zimmerman
Mary Zonca
Orlando Zuniga

OPPOSITE PAGE ABOVE LEFT: Getting fortified for a morning of busy classes, Leeanna Jackson buys a doughnut while (ABOVE RIGHT) Pete Letkemann flashes some of the money that makes Friday sales successful. LEFT: Lynn Winek enjoys fall cider, which (BELOW) junior Kolleen Henneman helps sell during weekly campaigns to raise funds for class projects.

Mary Abela
Marianne Adams

Vince Arcicovich
Ann Arent

Jim Armbruster
Larry Armstrong

RIGHT: 1977-1978 SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS—FRONT ROW: Parliamentarian Cheryl Hallabrin, Recording Secretary Patti Broder and Treasurer Becky Radloff. SECOND ROW: Vice President Dave Darany, Corresponding Secretary Barbara Beebe and Sophomore Class President Dan McAskin.

Sophomore Officers Win Leadership Roles

Terry Ayoub
Ryan Azzopardi
Tammie Bacon
John Baetz
Andy Bagwell
Chris Baier
Nancy Baloga

Ann Barbour
Tim Bardy
Suzanne Barna
Gab Barry
Steve Basar
Mike Basile
Sally Basler

Margie Bau
Mike Bauman
Janice Bearance
Dale Beard
Tim Beckendorf
Cheryl Becker
Barb Beebe

Karen Begley
Barb Bekkala

Pam Benkovsky
Phyllis Benkovsky

Kevin Bennett
Sue Berghuis

LEFT: Being able to select those who make decisions that affect you is a privilege our society emphasizes. Using the democratic process as a model, sophomore Frank Hunter exercises his right to choose the officers of his class as he places a ballot in the box designated for his preferences.

Sharon Biskner
Jeff Black
Jan Blackley
Marla Bluhm
Annette Bohrer
Kevin Boland
Jim Borowski

Jan Bosley
Mark Bowser
Kim Boychuk
Kathy Bradley
Gloria Brand
Patti Broder
Scott Brooks

Claire Buchan
Maria Buison
Brent Burnham
Tracy Bush
Annette Buttigieg
Carol Butts
Teresa Byrne

Sophomores Work, Study in Library Area

ABOVE: Even leisure moments can be filled with tidbits of knowledge, which Sandy Razook learns from reading magazines. RIGHT: Sophomore Dave Maertens delivers audio-visual equipment. OPPOSITE PAGE: John McPherson and Sue Santana seek sources in the card catalog.

Jim Cameron
Dion Campbell
Jerry Campbell
Emily Canilao
Jean Capman
Joe Carlson
Jerry Catenacci

Connie Christie
Matt Christy
Barb Chrzan
Joel Churchill
Sue Clark
Jim Cobane
Bridget Cole

Sharon Cole
Cathy Collins
Janice Coumoundouros
Mike Cowan
Ruthanne Cox
Debby Crabtree
Anne Crepeau

Mark Cretney
Jerry Cullen
Sharon Curtis
Cathy Cutsinger
Jo Ellen Czaja
Jackie Dahlka
Elaine Daniel

Dave Dapprich
Dave Darany
Dave Davidson
Cindy Davies
Jill Davis
John Davis
Paul Davis

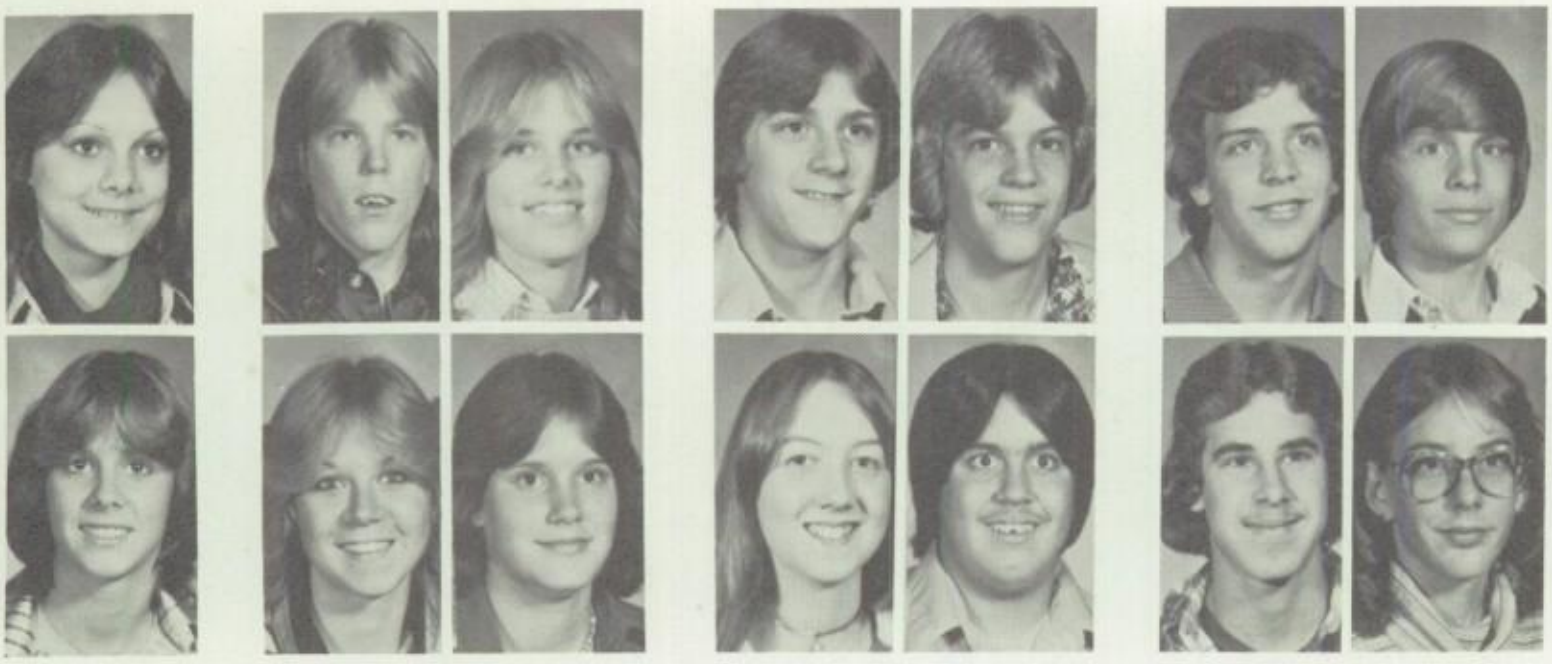
Lori DeCesco
Cheryl DePottey
Sandy Desentz
Doreen Diacono
Dan Diangelo
Teresa Dickey
Dave Dickinson

Tammy Diefenbach
Linda Dockery
Kevin Dodd
Rob Domenzain
Greg Donoghue
John Donoian
Linda Donovan

Bonnie Doone
Dave Drinkert
Don Driskell
Tim Droncheff
Paul Dugas
Margaret Dumas
Andy Dunn

Karen Duritza
Kelly Durston
Donnie Duthie
Jeff Eaton
Elaine Ecker
John Ehlke
Jeff Eisley

LEFT: Being a part of the cheering crowd for sophomores, Cathy Collins, Fred Shaheen, Maggie Woodley, Ed Proffitt, Sally Kucharek, Britta Samuelson, Jim Kline, Kevin Bennett and Brent Burnham, means leading their class with a loud roar, for it's the Homecoming assembly that gives sophomores their first chance to build class spirit. BELOW: Creating a winning float takes planning and a lot of hard work. Sleepy, one of Snow White's dwarfs, helps the sophomores pocket a victory.



Shari Ekola
Shawn Elo
Lori Engel
Mike Esparza
Mike Evans
Scott Farquhar
Ryan Faulkner

Barb Fitzpatrick
Kathy Fitzpatrick
Teresa Flanigan
Carol Flynn
James Fontana
Brett Foran
Sharon Forrester

Sleepy Helps Sophs Win Float Competition

Bill Friske
Bob Friske

Dave Friske
Bill Fulton

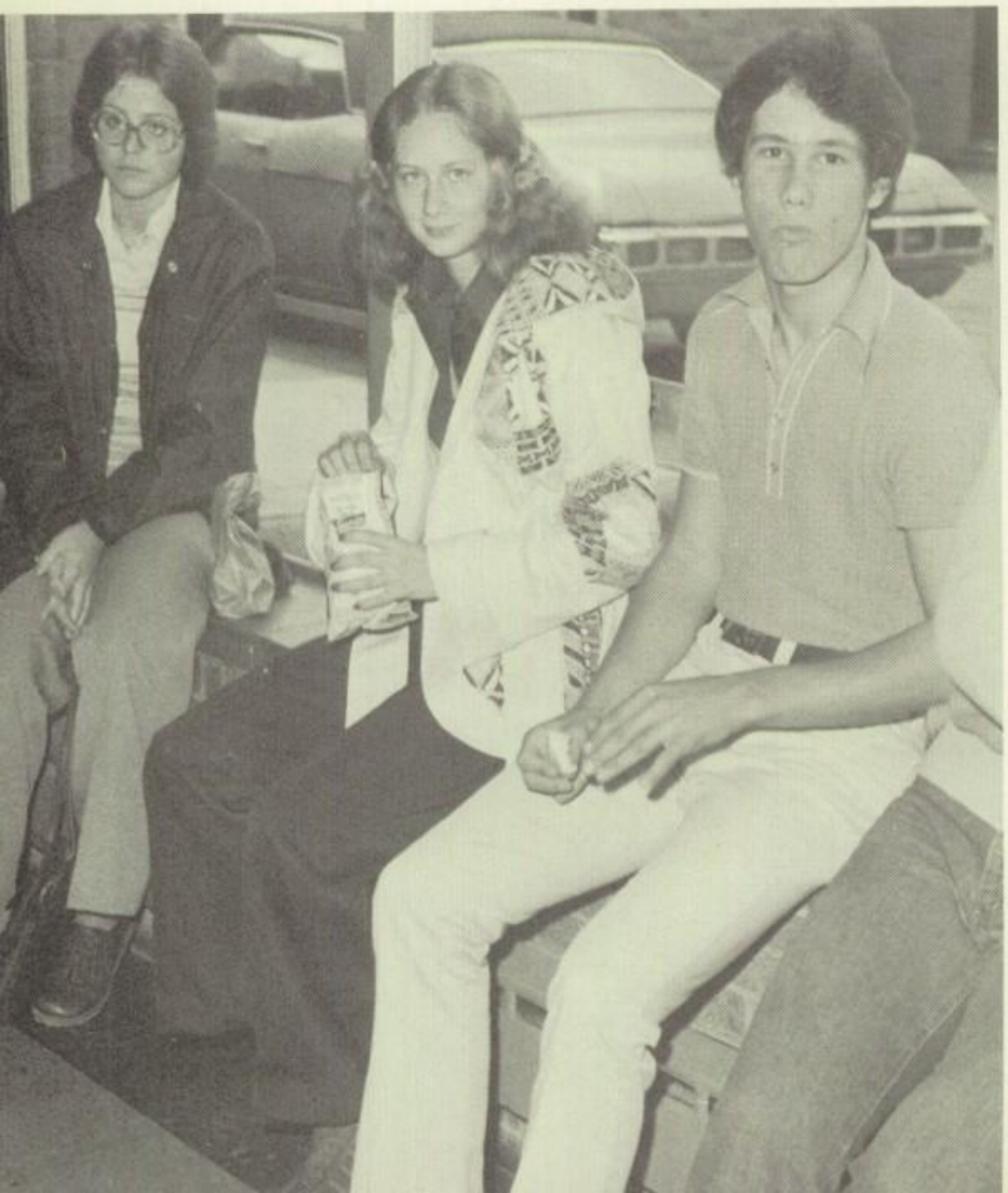
LEFT: Selected for the honor of representing her class as Sophomore Princess, Kathy Smith and her escort Matt Mitchell join members of the Homecoming Court for the Queen's crowning. ABOVE: Janice Coumoundouros and Dan McAskin present Snow White's friends, their Homecoming centerpiece.

Al Fyffe
Brian Galdes
Leonard Gallagher
Ken Garber
Suzanne Gardner
John Geoghegan
Dan Georgevich

Cathy Gerigk
Pat Gies
John Giummo
Robert Gollbach
Donna Grassi
Bill Green
Dennis Griffiths

Sheila Grima
Karen Grossman
Kirk Hachigian
Mark Hadjis
Robin Hagle
Cheryl Hallabrin
Craig Hands

Sophs Share Ledge Lunch, Conversation



OPPOSITE PAGE BELOW LEFT: The confines of the cafeteria cause Dawn Rifenbergh, Marla Bluhm and Doug Smith to hold a noon banquet on the window ledge. BELOW RIGHT: Important conversations sometimes can't wait until after school. Using the phone between classes, Mike Cowan places a call. LEFT: Danita Weber lunches on chips and a sandwich from home.

Joni Haney
Jim Hankins

Bruce Harbut
Debbie Harnden

Gina Harrison
Keith Harrison

Don Hartwick
Nancy Hass

Debbie Hawkins
Ruth Headapohl

Rich Hefner
Mike Heger

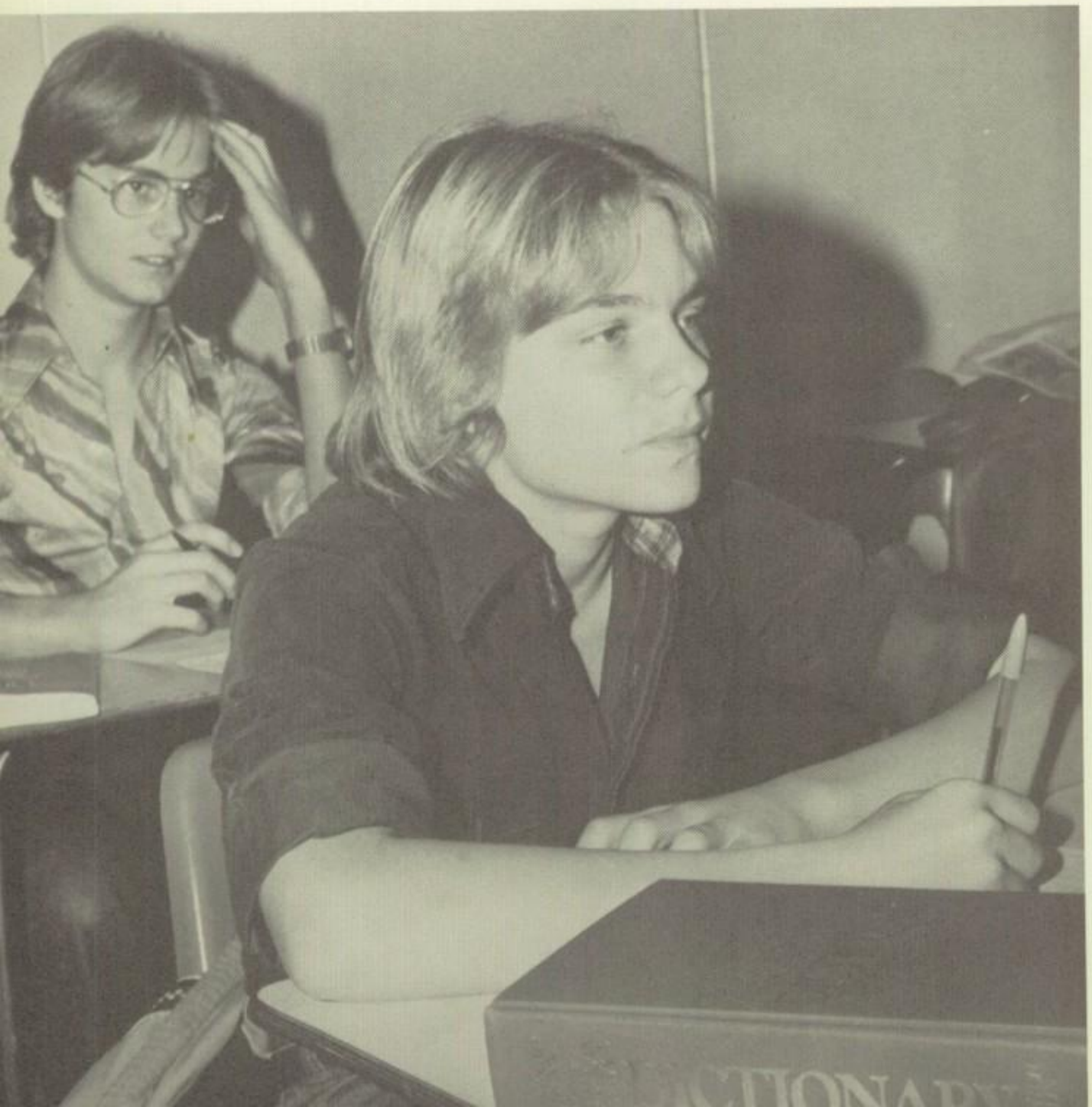
LEFT: Determining the most valuable way to pass time between classes is an important aspect of a student's day. To some it's the rush to the next class in Shear. For others the time is spent cramming for an exam. However, for most students moments are spent in socializing, an art Sue Berghuis, Rick Kelp, Kevin Ault, Suheil Malki and Lynda Snage demonstrate.

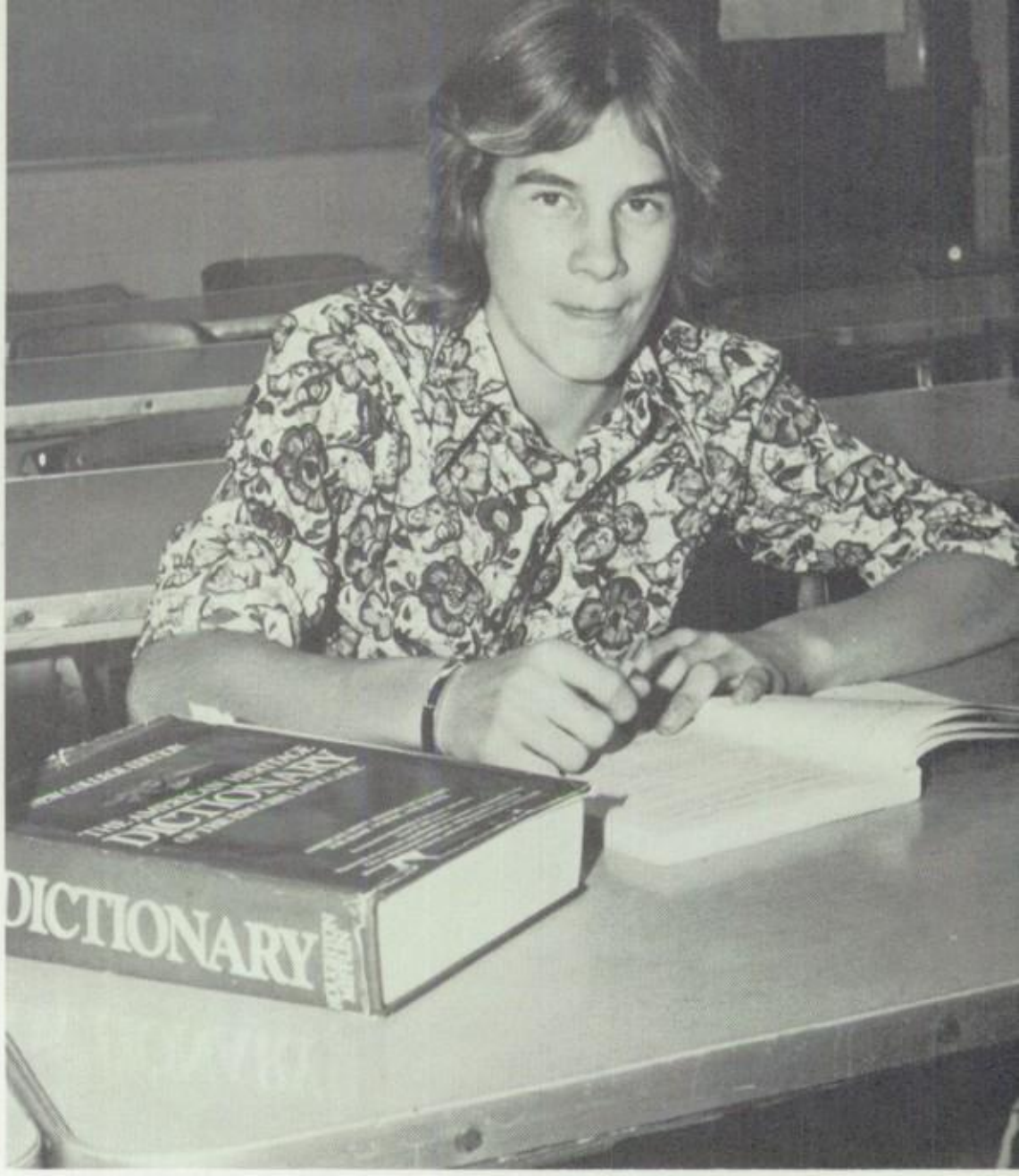
English Plots Theme for Sophs To Study

Brian Heikkuri
Karen Heikkuri
Kris Henneman
Kim Herrera
Connie Hessling
Karen Hietala
Sharon Hodge

Caryn Holinski
Sheila Holliday
Beth Holmes
Dawn Holmes
Laurie Houk
Ann Hourigan
Guy Houseman

Mike Howell
Glenda Humphries
Dawn Hunt
Jack Hunt
Frank Hunter
Paula Husk
Laurie Iliff





OPPOSITE PAGE LEFT: Convinced of the need for a good topic sen-tence to begin a well structured paragraph, Len Gallagher and Tom Tiejens concentrate on finding the right words to express their thoughts while (BELOW) Pat Tabaczewski and Eileen Stanis finish a theme. ABOVE: Joyce Samples and (RIGHT) Mark Zemko complete scrambled sentences.

Mike Iovan
Kathy Ismond
Scott Ismond

Lori Janowiak
Joanie Jenkins
Cindy Johnson

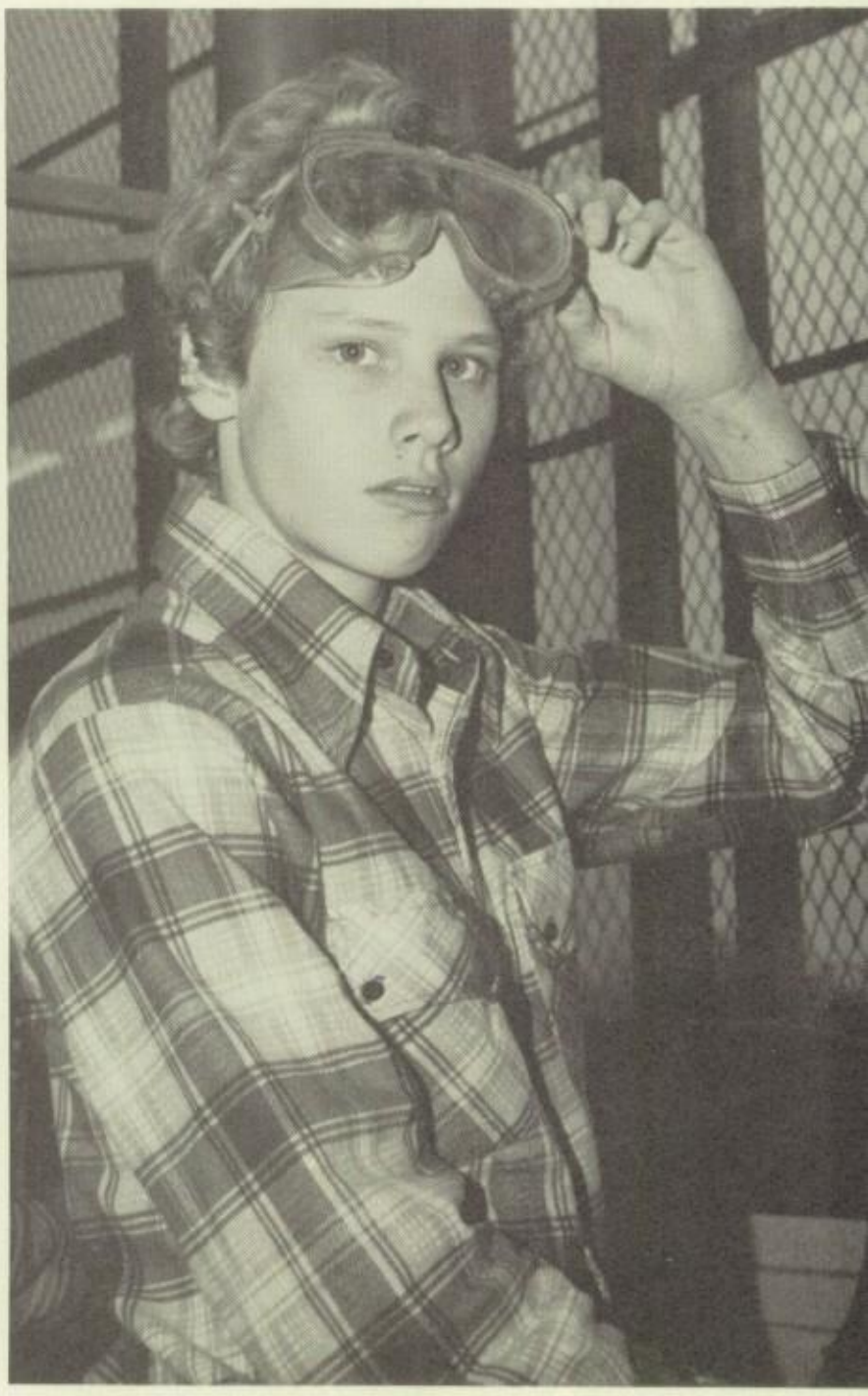
Dan Johnson
Robert Johnson
Julie Juracek

Mark Justus
Debbie Kaczor
Dan Kalanik

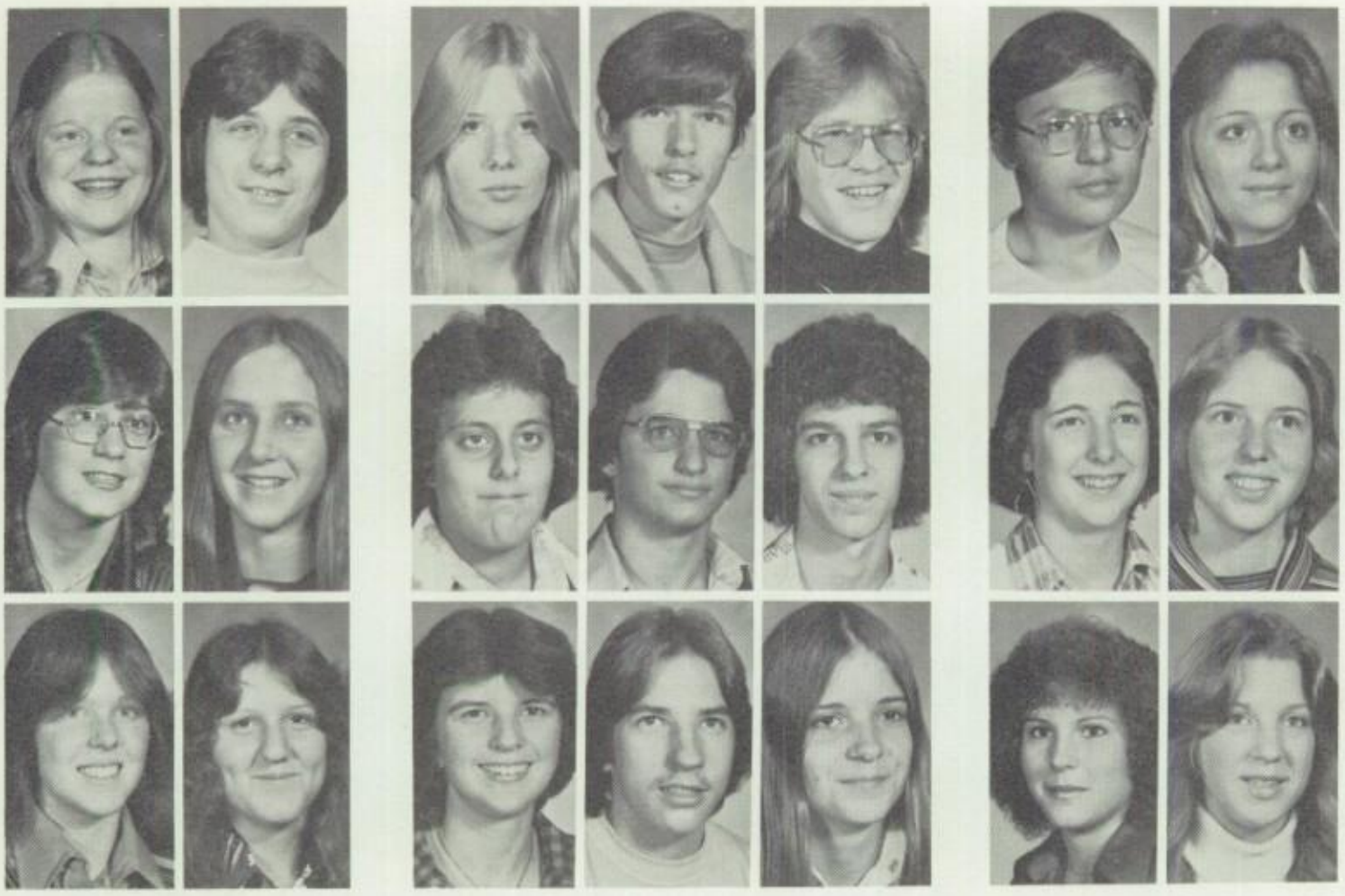
Rick Kalinowski
Helen Kalita
Tali Kaminer
Wendy Karasinski
Dave Karle
Margaret Karnes
Kelly Katch

Vicky Keegan
Rick Kelp
Sally Kemppainen
Vicki Kenderes
Bob Kennedy
James Kerr
Jane Kerr

Small Engines Give Sophs Big Problems



LEFT: Learning how to tune an engine, John Moriarty, Jim Roan, Mike Rhode and Rich Tafralian study the mechanics of its parts. ABOVE: Mike Heger adjusts his goggles before sawing a piece of wood. OPPOSITE PAGE LEFT: Craig Stewart nails to secure a joint while (RIGHT) Paul Kukielka gathers metal welding fragments.



Brenda Kevelin
Leonard Kierszkowski
Kathy Kirkpatrick
Dale Klavanian
Tom Klieber
Jim Kline
Kathy Klotz

Sue Konarski
Karen Konopka
Dan Korovesis
Paul Kostegian
Darryl Kotrys
Susan Kowdynski
Betty Kroll

Kim Kruegar
Leigh Krull
Sally Kucharek
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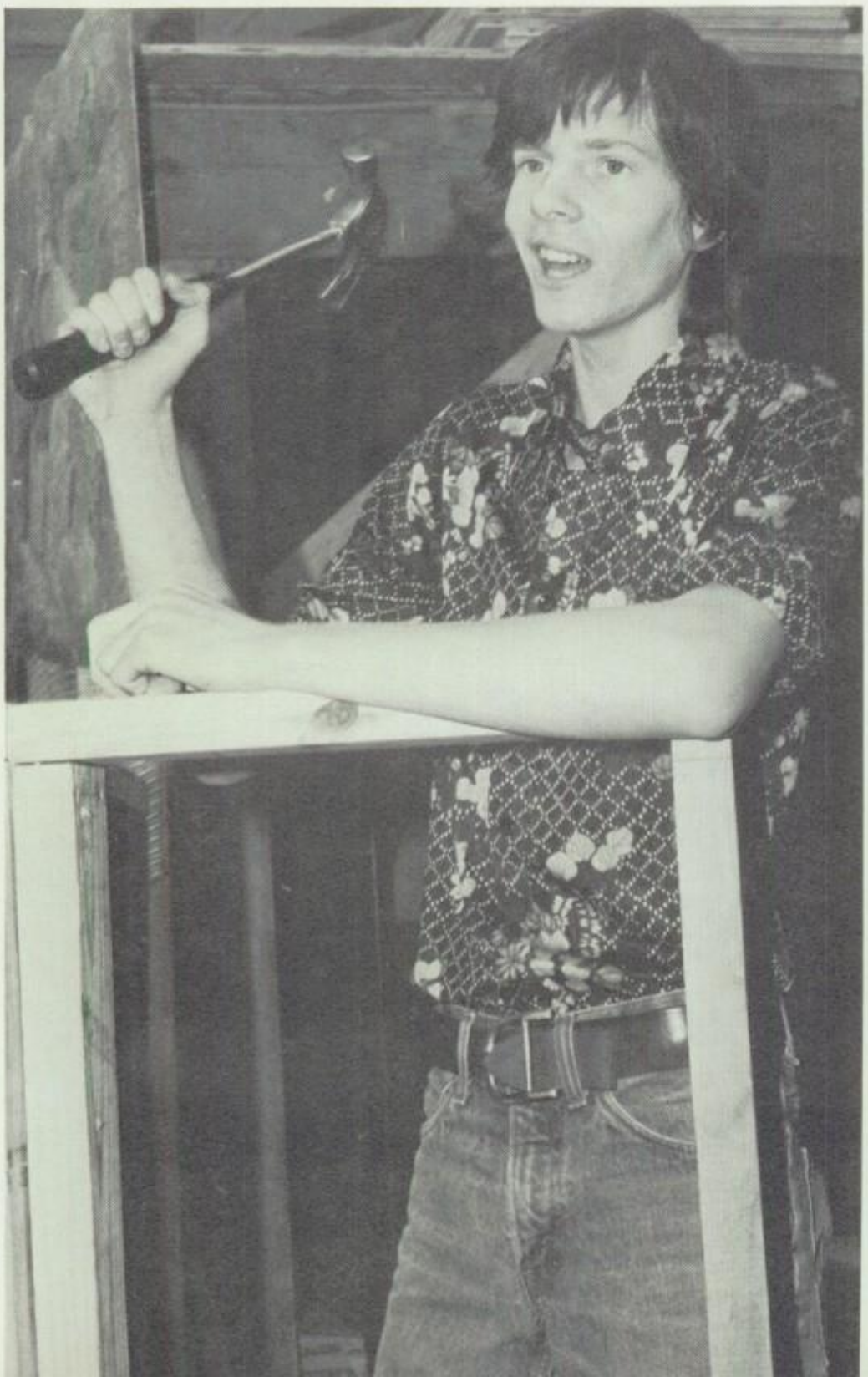
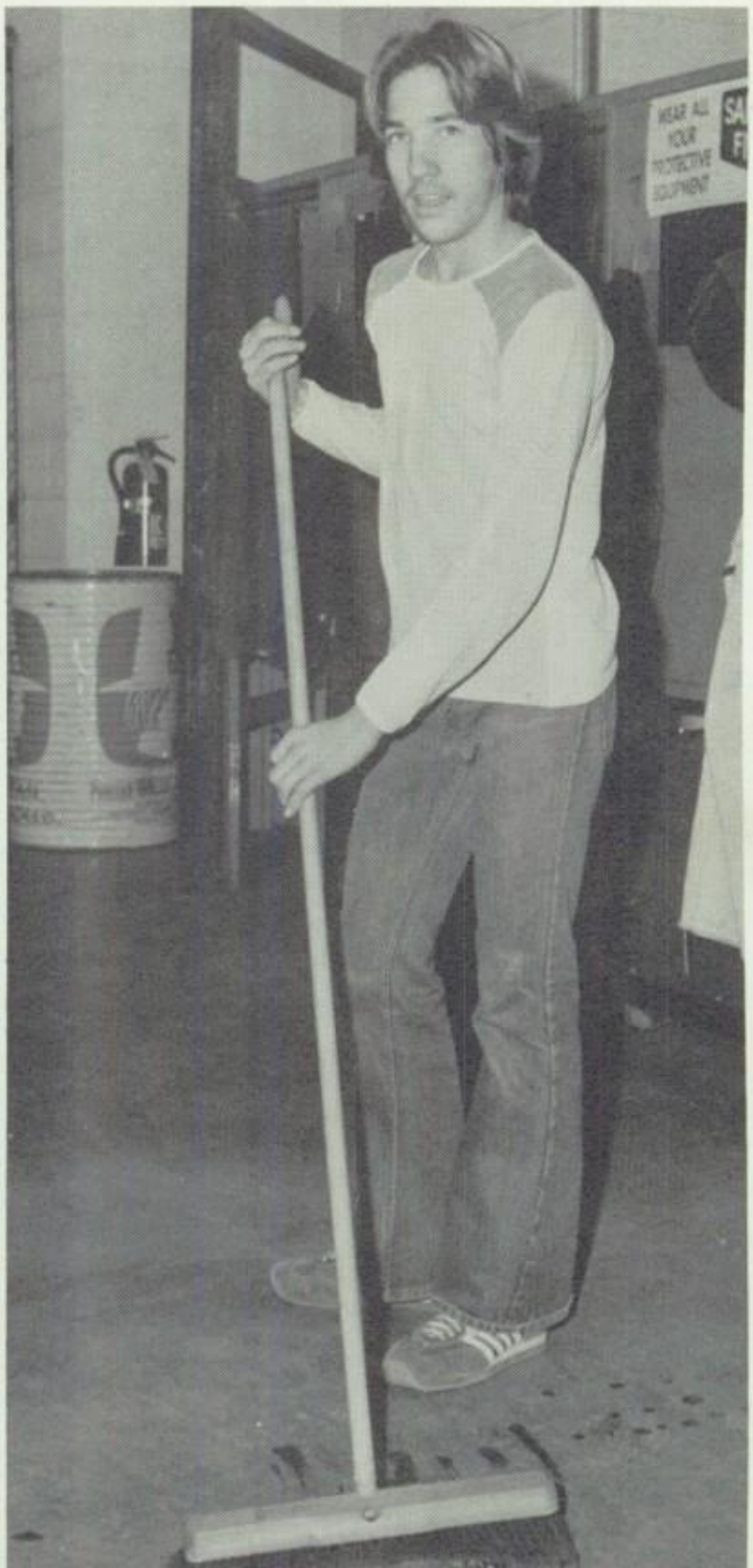
Laura Lahodny
Diane Lamendola
Bunny Lang





Sophomores Prune

Dave Langell
Sheila Laurila
Lynn Laviolette

Barb LeFevre
Mary Lenerz
Fran Lepkowski

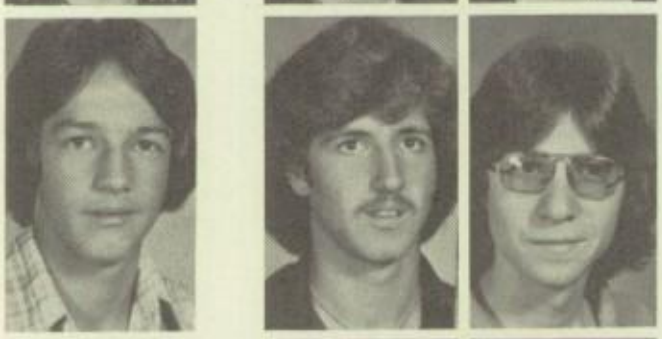
Tom Lesniak
Bob Livingston
Bill Lloyd

ABOVE: Watering a Zebrina pendula, Annette Bohrer checks th amount of moisture in the soil. BELOW: Jeff Eaton and Mike Baumc secure a trailing philodendron's support slab. OPPOSITE PAGE Theresa Moran uses a trowel to loosen dirt around a shrub.

Sherrie Londberg
Dave Lorenz
Don Lucia

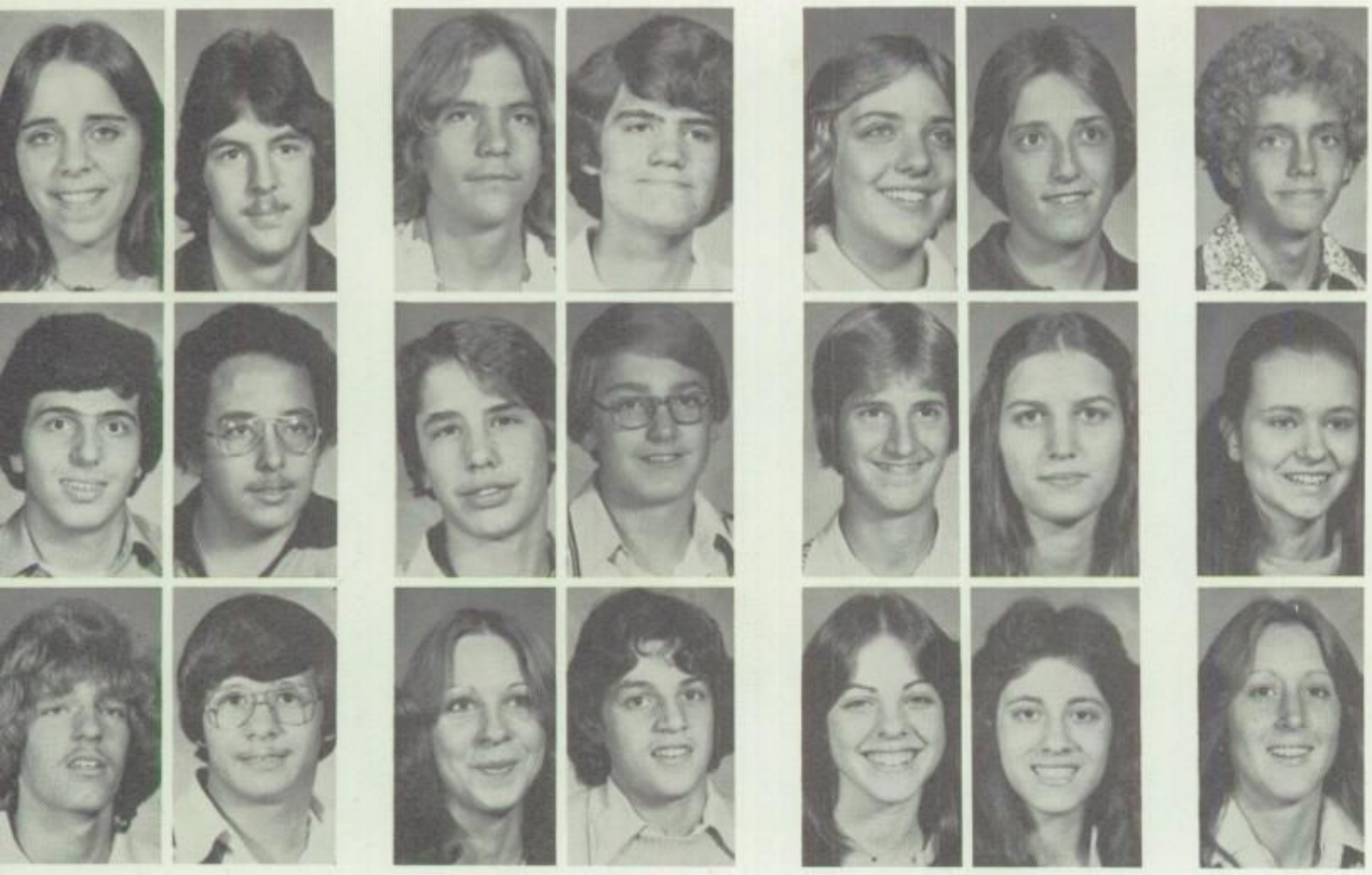
Dana Lupher
Mark Maddock
David Maertens

Paul Malhoit
Suheil Malki
Tony Marocco



Michele Martineac
Gary May
Dan McAskin

Plant Care Basics From Knowledge Tree



Darlene McAteer
Greg McCabe
Roger McCoy
Roger McFadden
Janet McPherson
John McPherson
Todd McQuade

John Meloff
Alan Meranda
Dave Miller
Ron Milz
Dan Miron
Carol Mitchell
Laura Mitchell

Matt Mitchell
Alan Moilanen
Diane Moilanen
Gus Mollasis
Mary Monforton
Dawn Montes
Theresa Moran

John Moriarty
Jim Morrison
Chris Mozeyko
Mike Mulholland
Don Mullins
Patty Mullins
Carol Nagle

Jim Nash
Dave Naufel
Scott Naumoff
Kim Nessen
Denise Niemann
Gary Nordby
Alex Novak

Steve Nowak
Dave Obradovich
Jim Ochmanski
Colleen O'Leary
Michelle Olexa
Mark Osborne
Keith Ovitt

Maria Papas
Helen Pappas
Marge Paris
Ron Parisien
David Parker
Cindy Pastuszka
Barb Patrick

Sophs Study Color Theory in Basic Design

OPPOSITE PAGE LEFT: Enjoying a lesson in tempera painting, sophomore Kim Patterson takes a moment to decide which colors would look best to emphasize the mood of her design. RIGHT: Finding brush strokes to be an interesting aspect of art, Joe Proben dabbles with his paint while (LEFT) Laurie Speen creates a pleasing effect with her applied blending techniques.

Kim Patterson
Mike Perri

Mark Peters
Bob Petroskey

Rita Petrucci
Nancy Phillips

Jim Pinak
Lory Pirrello

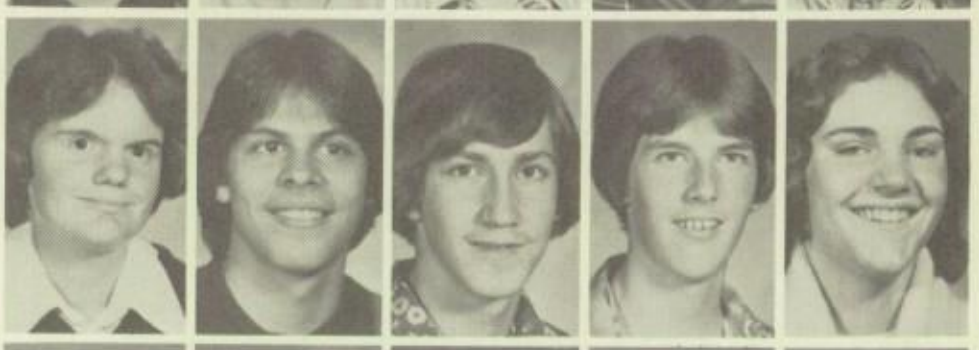
Mark Plewka
Nancy Poma
Sharon Porter
Alan Pouget
Steve Powers
Joe Proben
Edward Proffitt

Lisa Prokop
Danielle Provenzola
Angie Psiakis
Sue Qash
Rebecca Radloff
Keith Raisanen
Sandra Razook

Sophs Paint Worldwide Christmas Scenes

John Rea
Ron Rea
Carla Reynolds
Mike Rhode
Bruce Rice
Dawn Rifenbergh
Dana Rivard

Jim Roan
Karen Rochna
Julie Roetzel
Jeff Roggin
Steve Rousseau
Tom Rowland
Jean Rowley



Joe Rudolph
Tammy Rushlow
Matt Rust
Claudia Rutherford
Joe Rzeznik
Sarah Saint
Steve Sakowski

Shawn Salisbury
Joyce Samples
Britta Samuelson
Sue Santana
Scott Sawaya
Sue Sawlaw
Doug Saxby

Anita Scarlett
Joe Schenk
Bob Schmittling
Maureen Schornberg
Sandy Schuett
Beth Schultz
Gary Schultz

Ray Scurr
John Selmi
Ed Shaheen
Fred Shaheen
Kurt Sielaff
Doug Smith
Karen Smith

Kathy Smith
Nanci Smith
Lynda Snage
Steve Snyder
Beth Socall
Doug Somerville
Keith Sorensen

OPPOSITE PAGE ABOVE LEFT: Researching Christmas customs of foreign lands, Janice Coumoundouros and (ABOVE RIGHT) Carolyn DeCarli add a colorful touch to global holiday interpretations. LEFT: Keeping colors separated and mixing proper shades is Karen Zaremski's assignment. ABOVE: An artist is always particular about his work. No exception, Dan McAskin watches as proteges add color to sketches.

Laurie Speen
Darren St. Ledger
Eileen Stanis
Craig Stewart
Ed Stryeski
Kerri Susalla
Cindy Sutton

Kathy Swansinger
Connie Szewczyk
Pat Tabaczewski
Ted Tabeek
John Tabone
Rich Tafralian
Mark Talbot

Sophomores Ascend Musical Talent Scale

Jim Taube
Barb Tesner

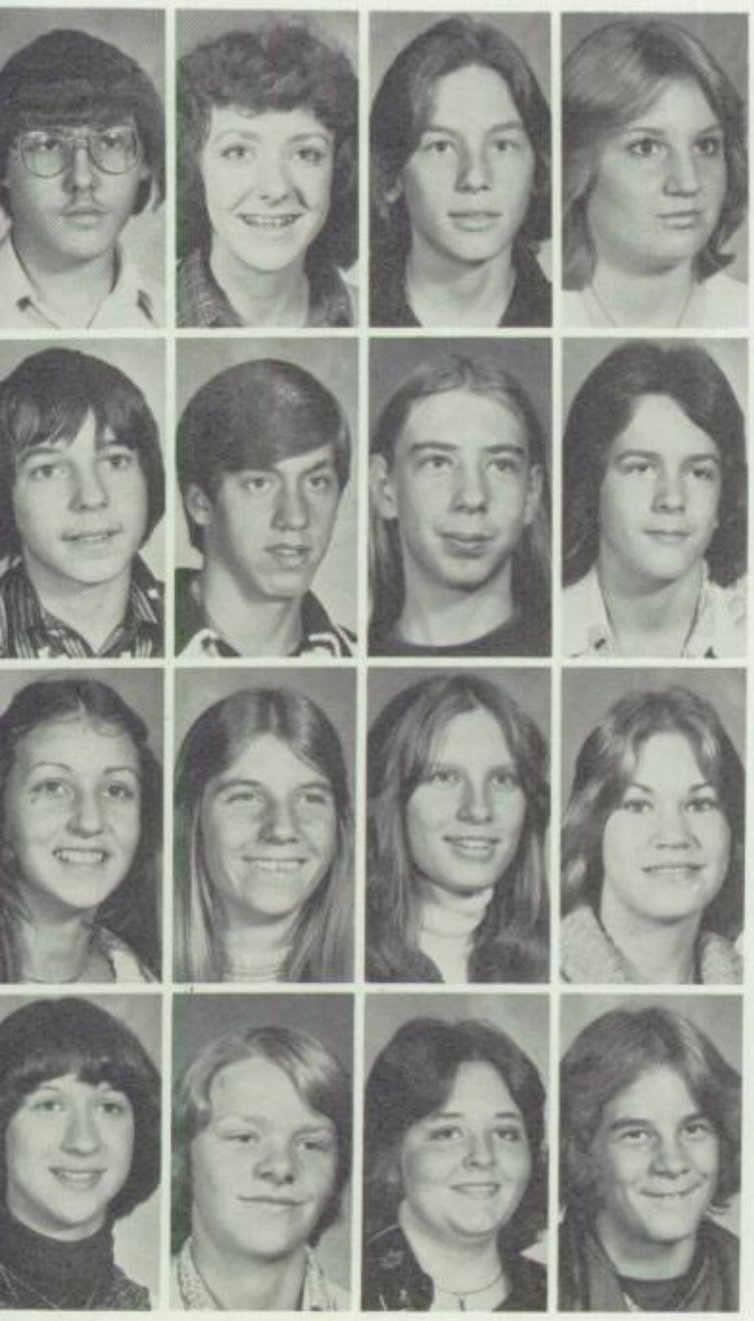
Craig Thompson
Tom Tietjens

Rose Torcolacci
Lynne Trachsel

Bob Tsvetanoff
Mary Valantas

Keith VanAartsen
Michelle Villeneuve

PPOSITE PAGE: Since rhythm is a necessity for the total ound from a band, John Meloff and Mike Evans strike their ums to create a strong beat. ABOVE: Nancy Poma adds nes of beautiful sound from the wind section as (RIGHT) ndy Dunn rests on his French horn before resuming play.



Shawn Waite
Sandy Warren
Mike Wasik
Gail Wasilewski
Joe Waskul
Bruce Webb
Danita Weber
Kurt Wells

Bret Welsh
Bob White
Carl White
Bill Whyte
Tom Wickersham
Janet Williams
Janet Williamson
Sue Willis

Carol Winn
Pat Wisniewski
Paula Woelke
Becky Wohlfeil
Maggie Woodley
Linda Wymer
Wendy Wysocki
Kerry Young

Karen Zaremski
Jim Zbranchik
Linda Zelek
Mark Zemko
Louise Zimmer
Mark Zinkivach
Janelle Zuniga
Linda Zwarun

Pom-Pon girls Mrs. Anna Lopez, Mrs. Cheryl Schneider and Miss Julie Haaxma find Reading, Writing and 'Rithmetic much less nerve-racking than performing for an audience.

Awaiting their turn to perform during a pep assembly, Dawna Pritchett, Sue McGinn and Lael Patterson watch for their cue.

Closing gaps between
Mystery and understanding,
We seek guidance from those more
Experienced, respecting advice
And cherishing ideas which invite us
To accept new challenges.
Assured of a helping hand along
The way, we confidently
Pursue adventure and attempt
To fulfill our ideals.

Curriculum

Challenge of Advancing Academic Excellence

This year's administration was forced to adjust its curriculum to the needs of a declining school population, one of approximately fifteen hundred students, who demanded choices and an active voice in their courses of study. Forced to accept a reduction in staff, the administration worked as a team.

The administrative team—one principal, three assistant principals and two division directors. The team, Mr. Jack Harms, Mr. Stewart Schauder, Miss Beverly Castleberry, Mr. Gene Kress, Dr. Robert Lake and Mr. Robert Mathers, these six individuals worked together to attain the goals necessary for the growth and development of the education of Thurston's students. Their devout concern was often exhibited in various ways. This year proposals for building renovations transformed from abstract ideas into more concrete architectural plans. With the construction of new parking lots already completed, anticipation of adding an all weather track and new tennis courts appeared among the list of improvements.

An evaluation of Thurston's curriculum became easier with information provided by a University of Michigan interviewing team, which recommended priorities for students' needs. The formation of a Principal's Advisory Committee improved communication between faculty and administrators and provided the impetus needed to present students with additional parking areas and better building facilities.

Although not all of the concerns of students were solved by new administrative policies, students became aware of the fact that their complaints of legitimate problems did not fall upon unresponsive or unconcerned ears but rather received some consideration.

ABOVE RIGHT: Accepting the challenge that goes with building a schedule, Miss Beverly Castleberry, Assistant Principal, has the responsibility of planning course selections and the number of sections to meet students' needs. As head of the English department, Miss Castleberry also conducts area meetings and suggests improvements for supplemental materials in addition to completing her regular Assistant Principal's duties. OPPOSITE PAGE LEFT: Always concerned about what is best for the students of Thurston High School, Principal Jack Harms prepares notes for one of the many administrative meetings that will enable Thurston's activities to run smoothly.

BELOW: Whether inside or outside, Mr. Stewart Schauder shows an interest in student activities. During Leadership Camp, he tells students from neighboring schools about Thurston's policies. As the new Athletic Director, Mr. Schauder schedules sports events and records scores.

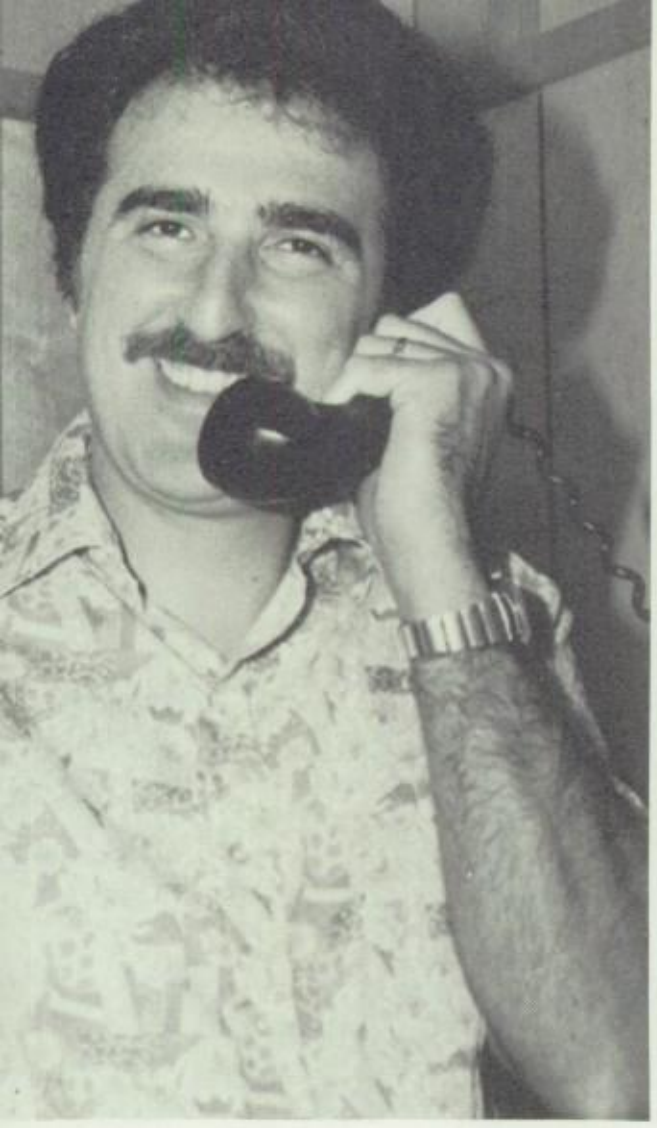
BELOW: Being responsible for building maintenanc and custodians challenges Mr. Gene Kress in his neu position as acting Assistant Principal. Supervisin fieldtrips, recording the building use calendar an providing leadership for the Social Studies Depart ment complete his job description responsibilities

Demands Progressive Administrative Talents

ABOVE: A smile is often considered a symbol of enjoyment. For Dr. Robert Lake it's enjoyment of his duties as Division Director of Science, Art, Physical Education and Counseling that enable him to coordinate procedures. BELOW: Industrial Education, Business, Home Economics and Co-Op Departments depend on leadership from Mr. Robert Mathers, who secures materials for teachers to use during classroom instruction.

RIGHT: It's always reassuring to be greeted upon entering the counseling office with a warm smile. Mrs. Pat Secor establishes this calm in solving student's perplexing problems. BELOW RIGHT: Mr. Richard Morrison, a dedicated and understanding counselor, discusses a scheduling problem with junior Carolyn Malhoit. BELOW: Work is never finished as Miss Joanne Norton realizes by checking over senior credits to validate the proper graduation requirements.

Experienced Counselors



FAR LEFT: Caught in the upside-down world of counseling, Mr. Leonard Lovalvo displays some of the lighter moments enjoyed between the hectic schedule of long and tedious conference hours. LEFT: No two problems are identical, which creates many surprises that are encountered daily. Miss Bea Flanagan approaches every situation with an optimistic attitude. BELOW: Counseling is a career involving warmth, friendliness, patience and sympathy. Mr. Jack Knox seems to captivate all of these characteristics and relate them to his occupation.

Offer Guidance To Suit Personal Ambitions

Sometimes it seems there are not enough hours in the day to accomplish all the tasks we choose to complete. Trying to build a schedule of study requires an analysis of our abilities, interests and the amount of time, that can be devoted to school, for students often find demands on their time divided between work and education.

Since teenage years are often filled with confusion, difficult problems sometimes need special attention and more careful consideration. Thurston's counselors helped solve puzzling questions about what the best choices were for each individual scholar. After preliminary choices were established, concerned counselors continued to unravel scheduling conflicts until a clear, definite course of study had been created.

Because each student's needs do not stop with graduation from high school, understanding counselors coordinated college scholarship applications and submitted recommendations for admissions to many universities. Providing information on vocational opportunities was an advantage offered for those interested in specialized education in the field of industrial careers.

Secretaries Transcribe Confusion Into Efficiently Organized Routines

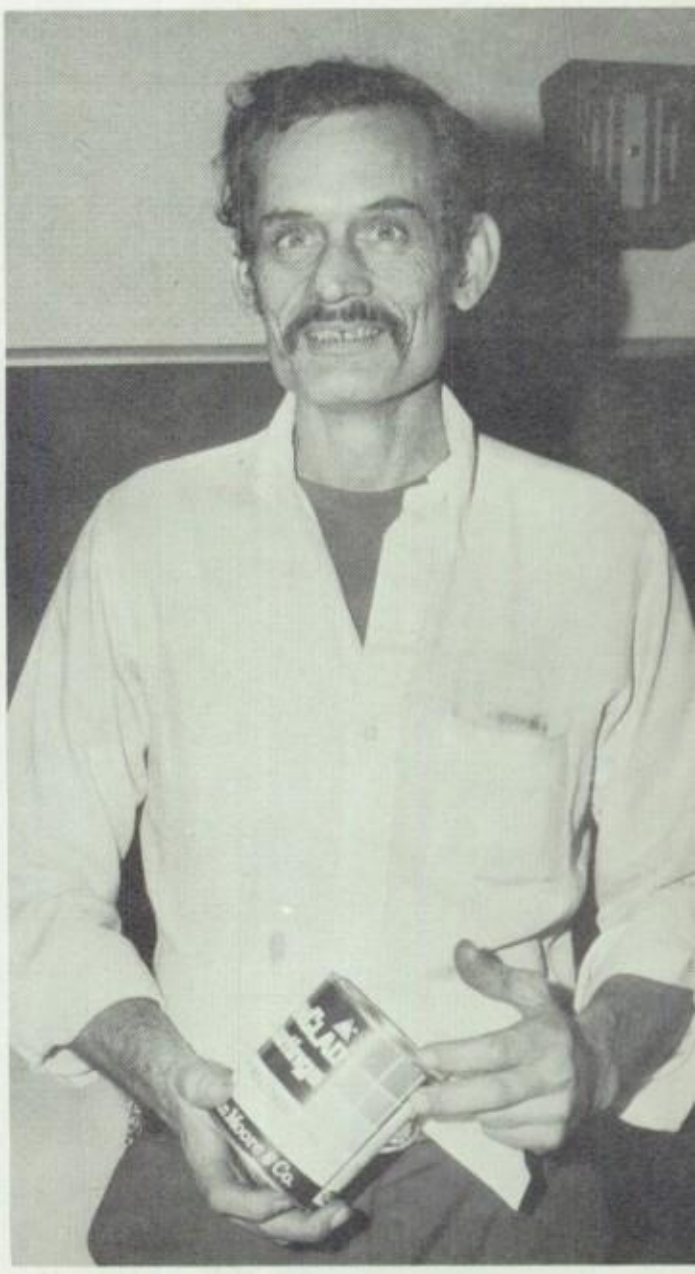
ABOVE: Coordinating communications is one of a secretary's most important tasks. For Mrs. Marge Kemp organizing morning announcements is a preliminary step to typing and distributing them to teachers. BELOW: Mrs. Kitty Smith completes a mimeographed stencil for Miss Beverly Castleberry, Assistant Principal.

Operating a school smoothly takes precise clerical and business management. Having the capability to fulfill a secretarial position requires well developed office skills and a pleasant personality. Thurston's visitors were greeted with a friendly smile when Mrs. Marge Kemp gave directions and helpful information. In counseling Mrs. Betty Niles organized complex records while assisting six counselors. Making sure the computers serviced the district, Mrs. Donna Hall handled report cards and grade changes. Mrs. Jane Nelson controlled chaos in the bookstore as she distributed new materials and teaching supplies. Mrs. Norma Rowe, Mrs. Kitty Smith and Mrs. Nancy Simescu handled secretarial assignments respectively for Mr. Stewart Schauder, Miss Beverly Castleberry and Mr. Gene Kress, Thurston's Assistant Principals. Mrs. Betty Quinn and Mrs. Mildred Brewer retired after years of dedicated service.

School Furnishes Constant Work for Handy Custodians

Day and night, all year long, the custodial and maintenance crews went about their assignments to clean and repair the halls and rooms inside the school. Replacing burned out lights, cutting grass, cleaning floors and helping frustrated students with jammed lockers were some of the thankless tasks performed by Thurston's janitors. The most difficult jobs, keeping dirt to a minimum and seeing that building facilities remained in good repair, required special efforts. Sweeping the litter from candy wrappers scattered through Thurston's halls, washing many smudged fingerprints off courtyard windows and removing debris from tops of lockers kept custodians' hours busy. Seasonal changes brought extra work as winter's snow storms piled drifts on driveways and sidewalks.

Everyone always had something for the custodians to do. There was usually a pencil sharpener to oil, a sink to repair or room furniture to shift from place to place. Although an occasional grumble about secret admirer's lockers was heard a few times, custodians were quick to come to the aid of students, who sometimes needed their help.



FAR LEFT: Fall means one last time to mow the grass in the junior courtyard, so Pinky rakes cuttings to keep the lawn neatly groomed. LEFT: Mr. Frank Cacciapalle makes sure the halls are clean for students and visitors. ABOVE: Verl prepares to seal the C hall darkroom sink.

Phase-Elective English Script Provides Theme for Wisdom

From the children's stories and primer textbooks of elementary school to the study of sentence structures and words for spelling tests in junior high, learning our language was the primary purpose of long years of education. Because people's impressions are formed on the basis of what others say and how they express individual thoughts, speaking and writing well motivated most Thurston students to choose to continue improving their applied use of English in high school. Although three credits were required for the privilege of graduation, many students selected more than six courses from approximately forty choices included in the phase-elective English program offered this year as part of a planned sequential program of study.

Although sophomores were required to select Language Arts or Language and Composition, English courses for juniors and seniors were elective. Most classes offered an emphasis on reading, writing or speaking, but students discovered a combination of skills helped them achieve more success. Seniors, who qualified, received college credit for Advanced Placement English.

RIGHT: Writing paragraphs requires the ability to express thoughts in a logical order. For sophomore Carol Butts composing a topic sentence involves seeking extra assistance from Mr. Robert Rogez, Language and Composition teacher. OPPOSITE PAGE FAR RIGHT: Everyone who writes research papers appreciates information on content and style. Juniors Kathy Dechko and Lynn Sarkany learn from Mrs. Barbara Erdody, Styles teacher, that at least ten sources of reference should be included to provide a firm basis for conclusions related to research topics.

Mrs. Karen Brubaker

Mrs. Barbara Erdody

Ms. Andrea Fine

Mrs. Mary Harrington

Mrs. Jacquelyn Hiller

Mr. John Koch

Mr. William Long

Mr. William Moore

Mrs. Pat Powder

BELOW: Preparing to operate the projector in a reading class, Beth Holmes wai for instructions from Mr. John Winklepleck. Since seeing a filmstrip adds intere to textbook work, it's always an appreciated change to discover the teacher h planned the use of a visual aid. OPPOSITE PAGE RIGHT: Mr. Wes Vanhil discusses a film workshop storyboard with Mel Langowski, who plans an ext sequence for added excitement in a script segment.

Mrs. Mary Jo Raymond

Mr. Robert Rogez

Mrs. Patricia Staffeld

Mr. Weston Vanhille

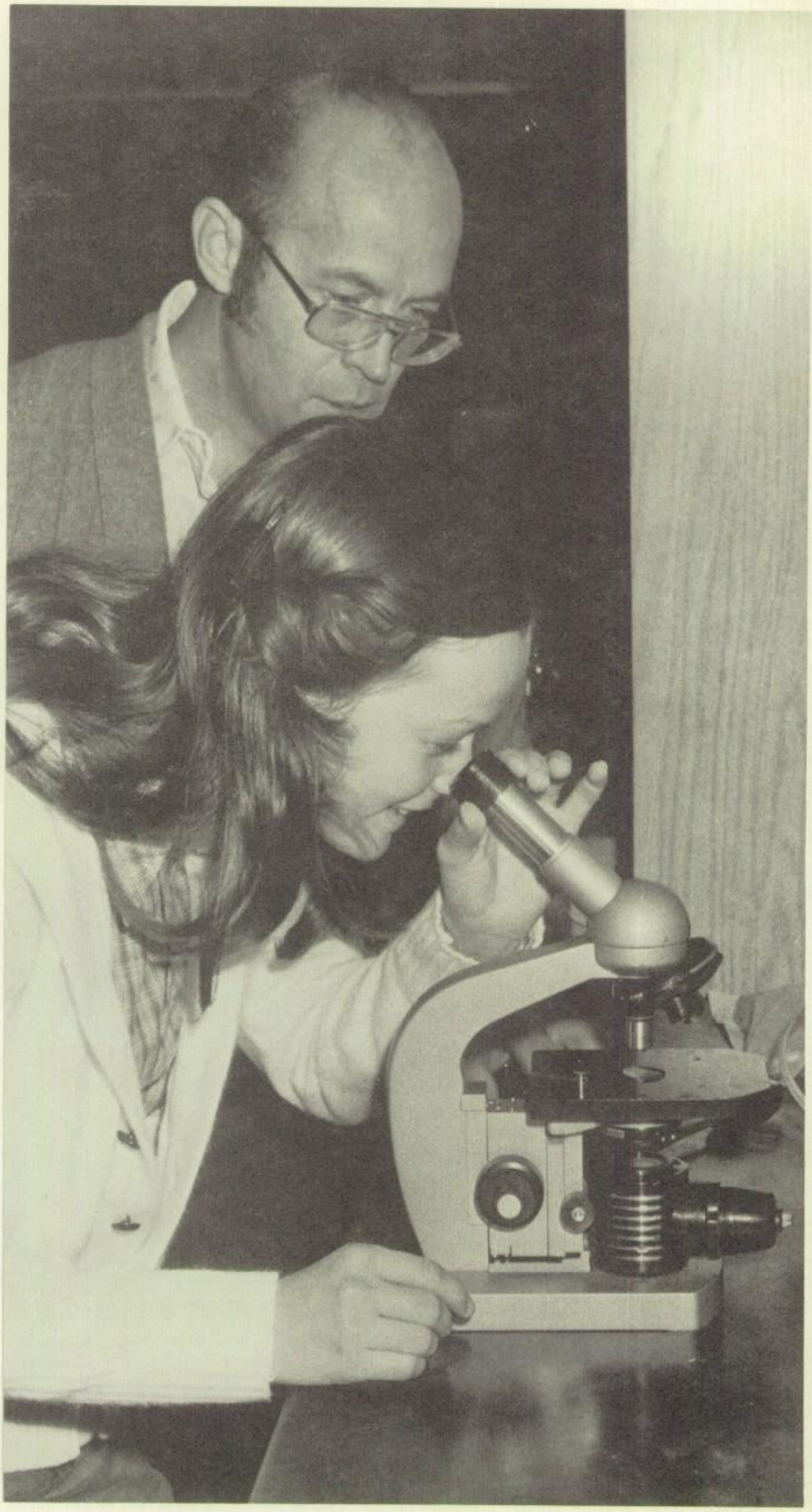
Ms. Shirley Walz

Mr. John Winklepleck

Theories Evolve From Enigmas of Science

In the past few decades technological advancements have made new demands on today's society. With the expansion of man's world to include a new emphasis on the investigation of space exploration, it is important for more students to study science in order to better understand the principles of scientific inquiry and the effects of science on their lives. Progress in modern society has been significantly related to more specialized fields of science, where the ability to apply scientifically related information could solve the problems of tomorrow's even more complex generations.

Thurston's scientists studied theories and concepts by doing experiments and participating in scientific discussions based on course materials that were relevant to inquisitive scholars.



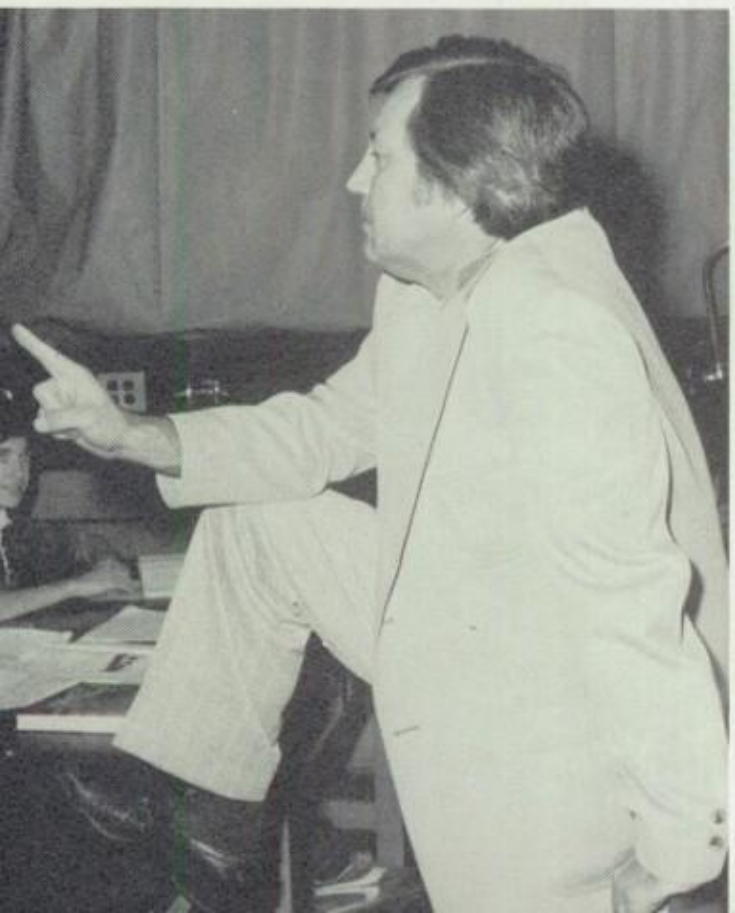
ABOVE: Learning approximately one hundred three elements requires concentration and long study hours, but trying to master the properties of elements is an even more difficult process. Mr. Carl Peters explains ionic bonding to Laurie Rammel in Basic Chemistry. RIGHT: Understanding the order of organisms, Mr. Marvin Smith explains classifications to Maggie Woodley.

Mr. Glenn Davis

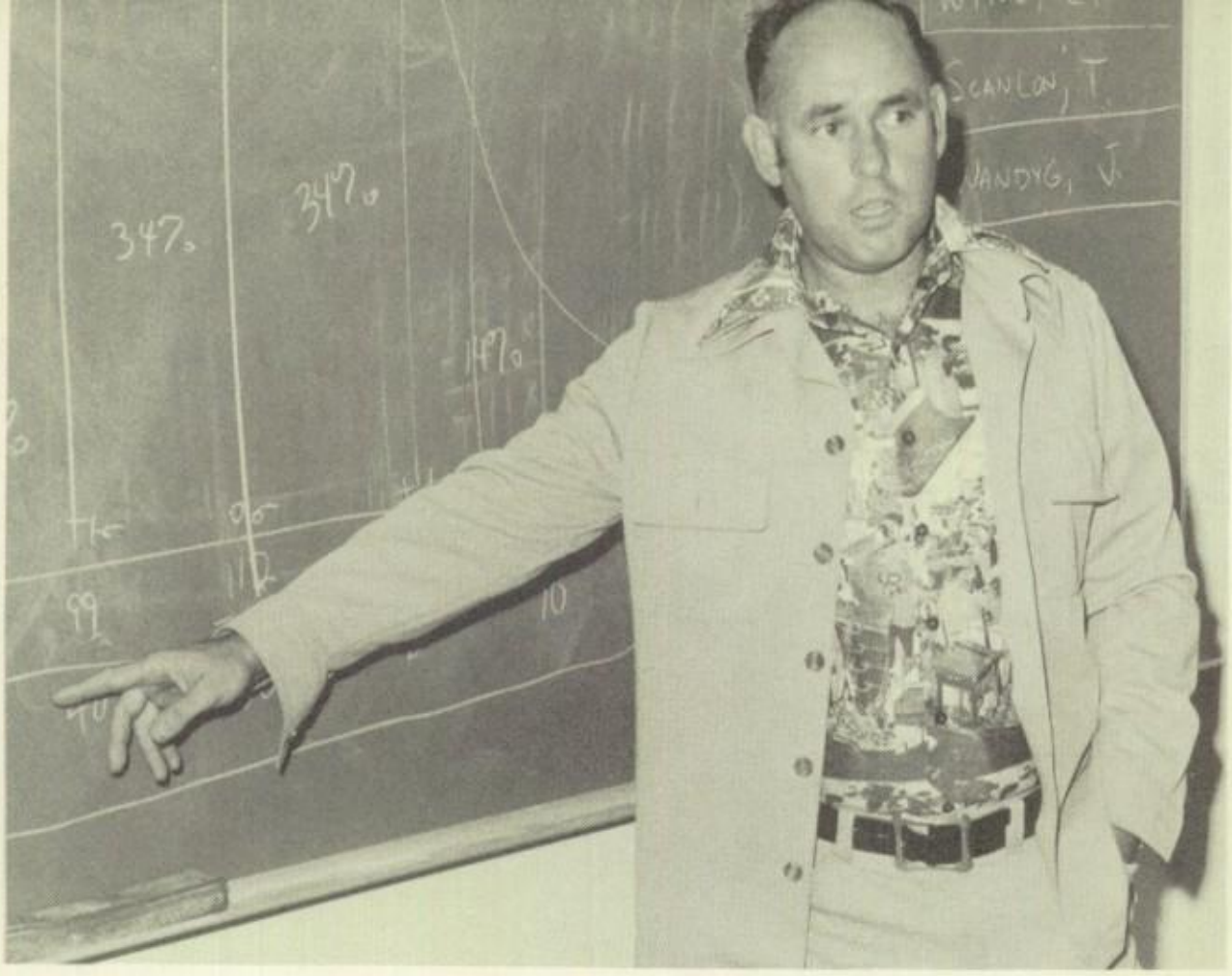
Mr. Richard Munson

Mr. Carl Peters

Mr. Marvin Smith



ABOVE: Growing plants requires just the proper balance of humidity and nutrients. Since young seedlings need light as well as tender loving care, Mr. Glenn Davis explains the process of potting and caring for plant cuttings to aspiring botanist Jeff Stankiewicz. FAR LEFT: As comfortable with Earth Science material as he is with lecturing to interested students, Mr. Richard Munson explains the geological structure of the earth's crust. LEFT: Learning the characteristics of rocks, Mark Zinkivach inspects a piece of copper ore and discovers that bornite is the specified term for the rock he is assigned to classify during a scientific investigation.



Mr. Dan Bennett

Mr. Jim Copp

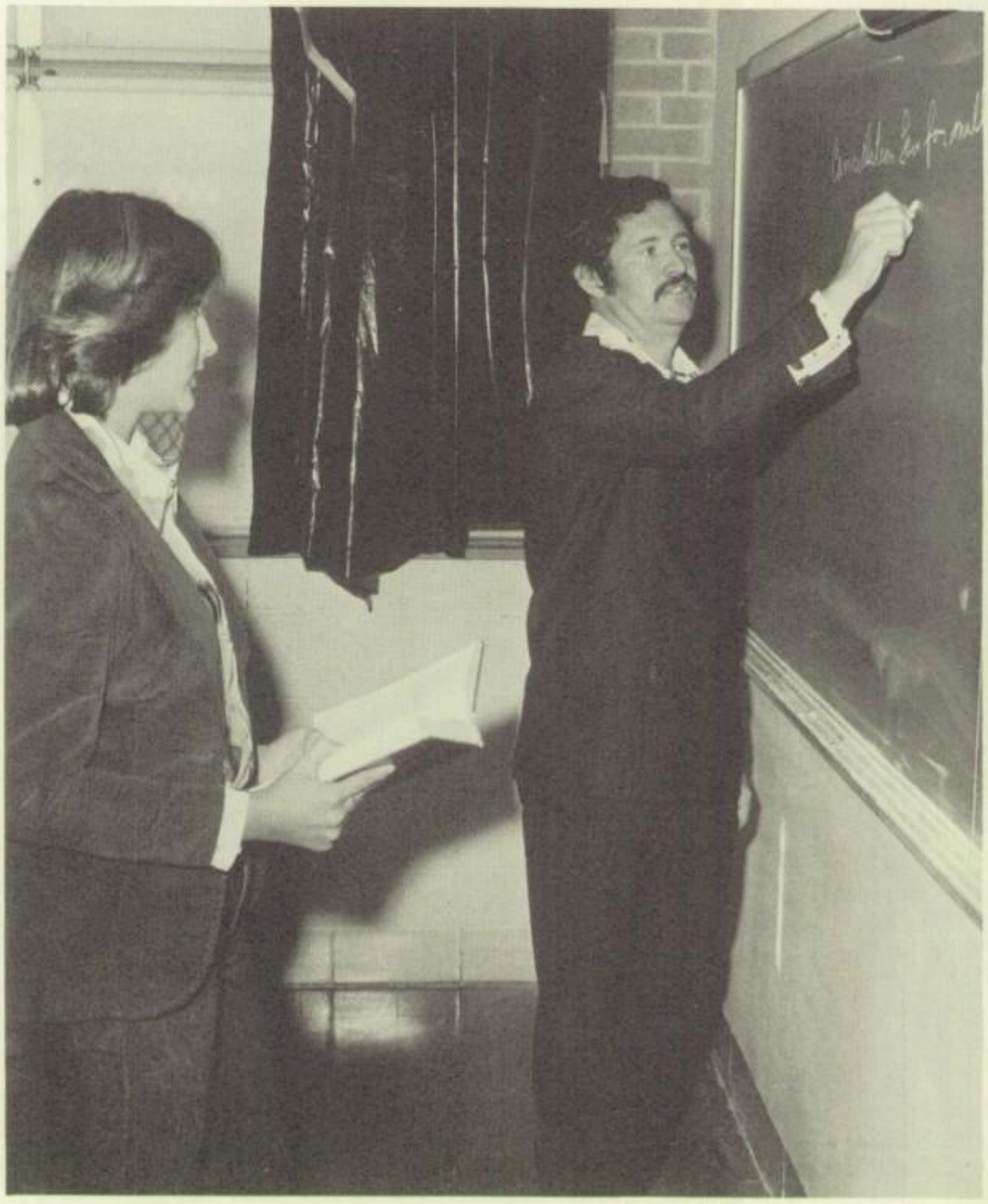
LEFT: Complex equations in Algebra require the ability to reason by using logical steps. For Mr. Joseph Zawadzki explaining a difficult problem takes special patience. OPPSITE PAGE LEFT: Building the skills of inductive reasoning is an important objective, resulting from solving perplexing Calculus equations. Mr. Jim Copp conducts his Pre-Calculus class. RIGHT: Correcting daily math assignments is a time consuming project that Ms. Cheryl Schneider finishes after careful inspection of individual homework assignments.

Curriculum Formulates Math Perspectives

Math, an area of study where students learn by using one logical step at a time, often offers a system that can teach self-discipline and a personal talent for organization. Since an understanding of math skills is necessary for business or college, gaining expertise with figures and formulas is desirable.

It was the teacher's duty to introduce new information concerning math concepts, but confused students often found themselves in a difficult struggle to overcome enigmatic problems and reach solutions which could prove mastery of sometimes frustrating material. Thurston's program offered a wide variety of courses to meet the demands of students with different interests and abilities. Although only one math credit was required for graduation, scholars who planned to continue their educations, usually scheduled for more than two classes filled with the vast knowledge contained in the realm of numbers and equations. For those who daily faced the frustrations of complex mathematical puzzles, students fulfilled the math graduation requirements.

RIGHT: After a student has acquired a working knowledge of algebraic and geometric functions, further study leads to Pre-Calculus. Although the material is confusing, Mr. Ray Williams helps Andrea Mosakoski discover the correct process for arriving at a logical answer for a function theory.



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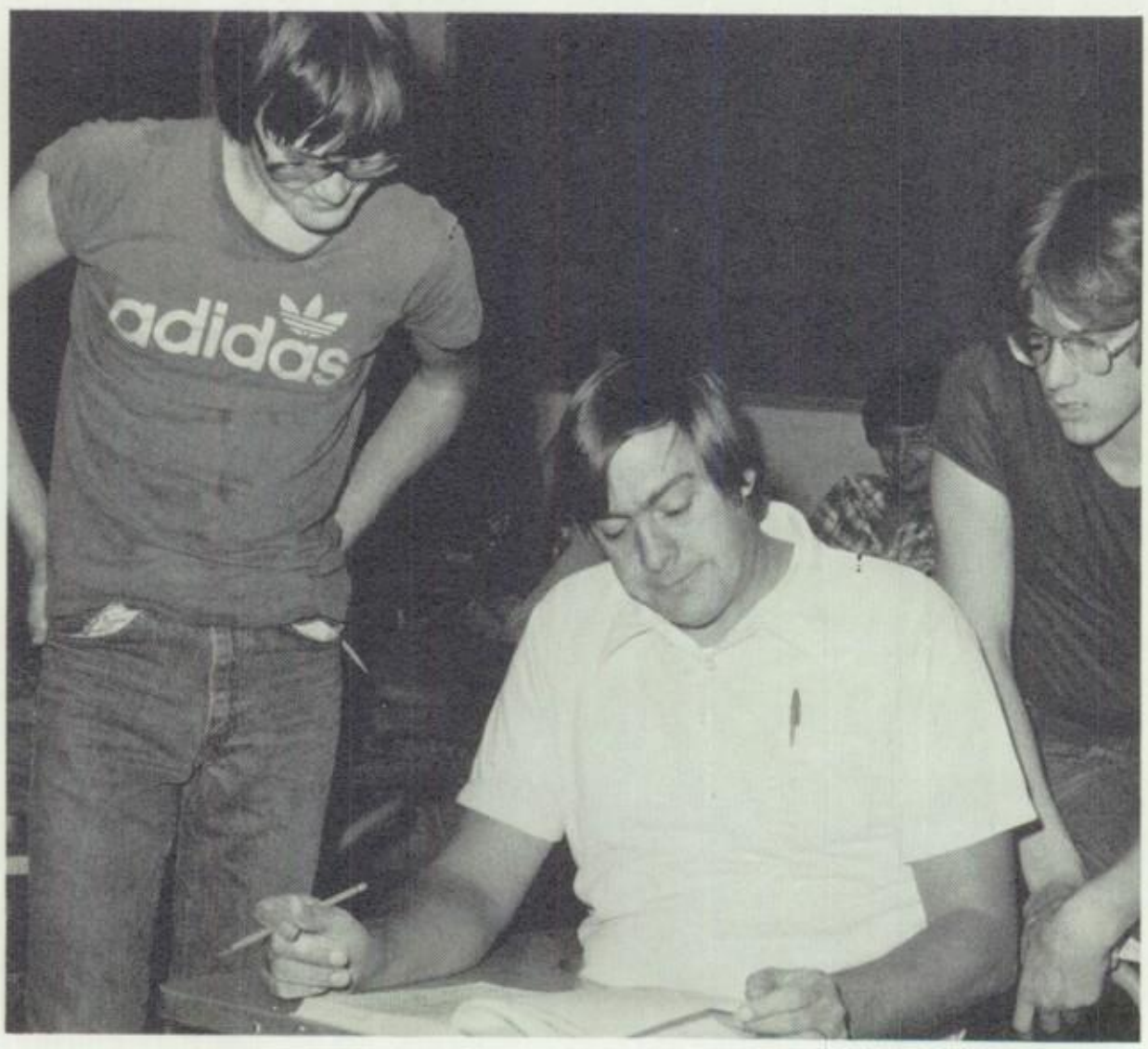
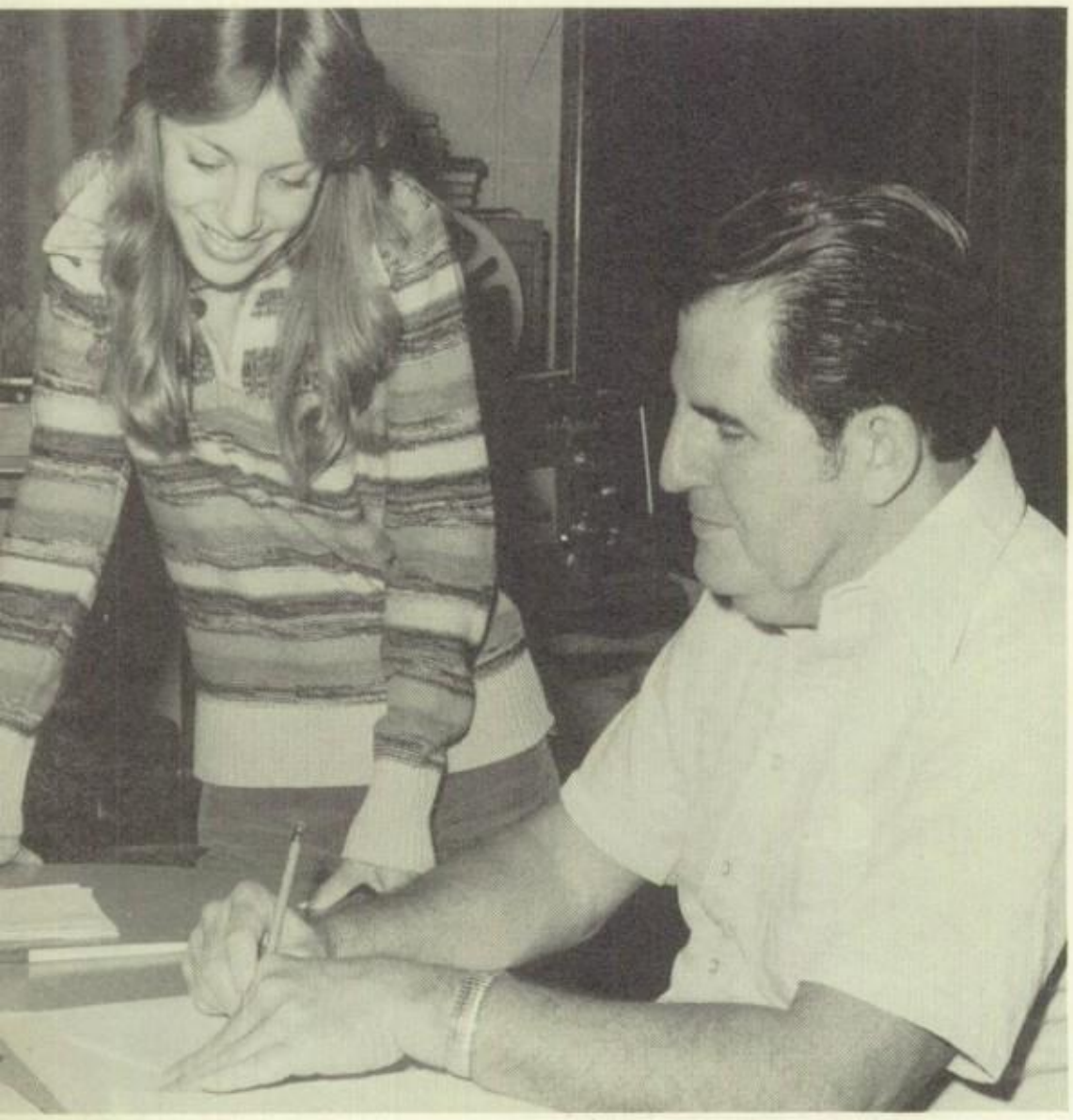


RIGHT: Teachers sometimes get a better idea of a student's point of view if they look at things from their level. Taking the seat of the opposition, Mr. Dan Bennett explains an equation to Philip Holben and Rob Johnson, who defend their theories of logic.



LEFT: Studying countries around the globe increases knowledge about locations of lands and their people. Becky Radloff confers with Mr. Robert Burger about her world map. RIGHT: With the new emphasis on African affairs, Mr. Pat Gouin points out a province to Denise Niemann.

Mr. Lee Alpern

Mrs. Helen Bone

Mr. Robert Burger

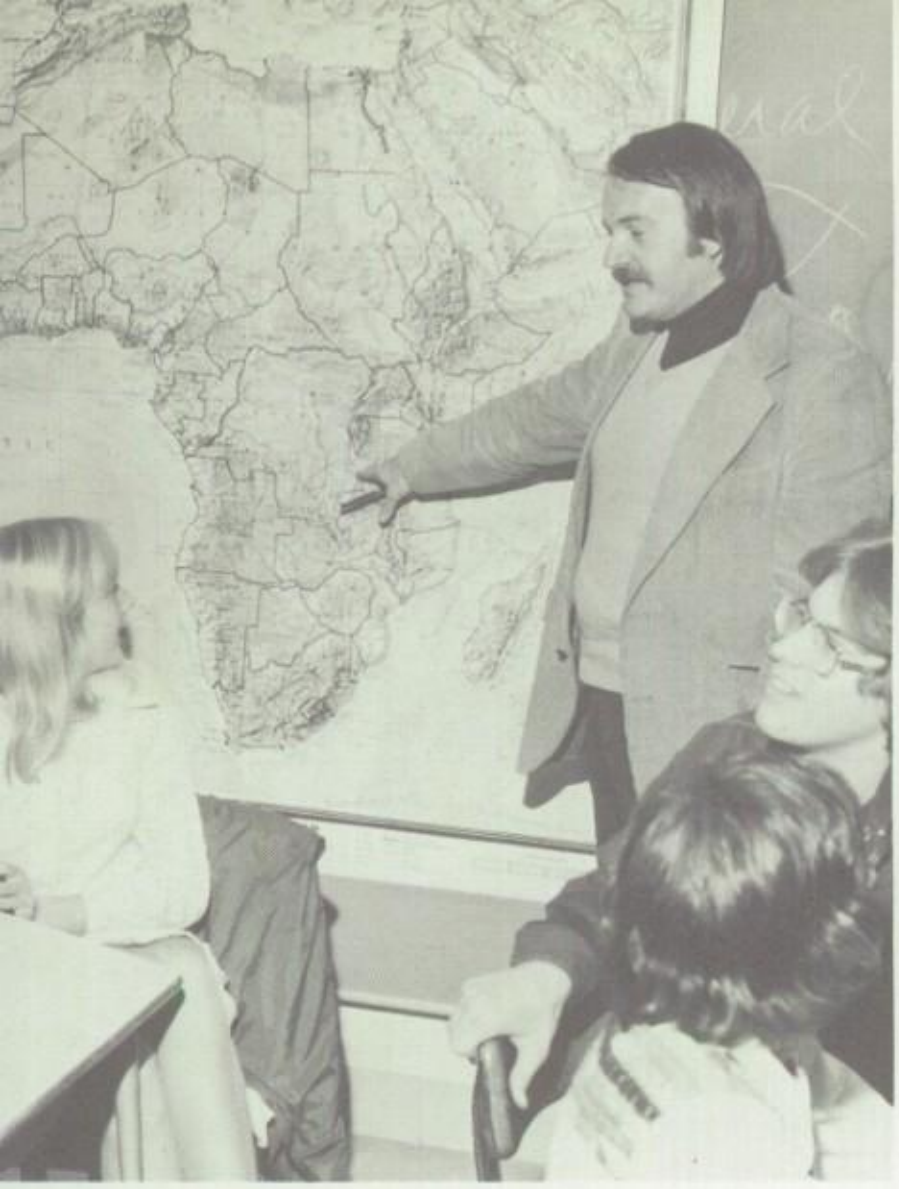
Mrs. Sue Calfin

Mr. Patrick Gouin

Miss Julie Haaxma

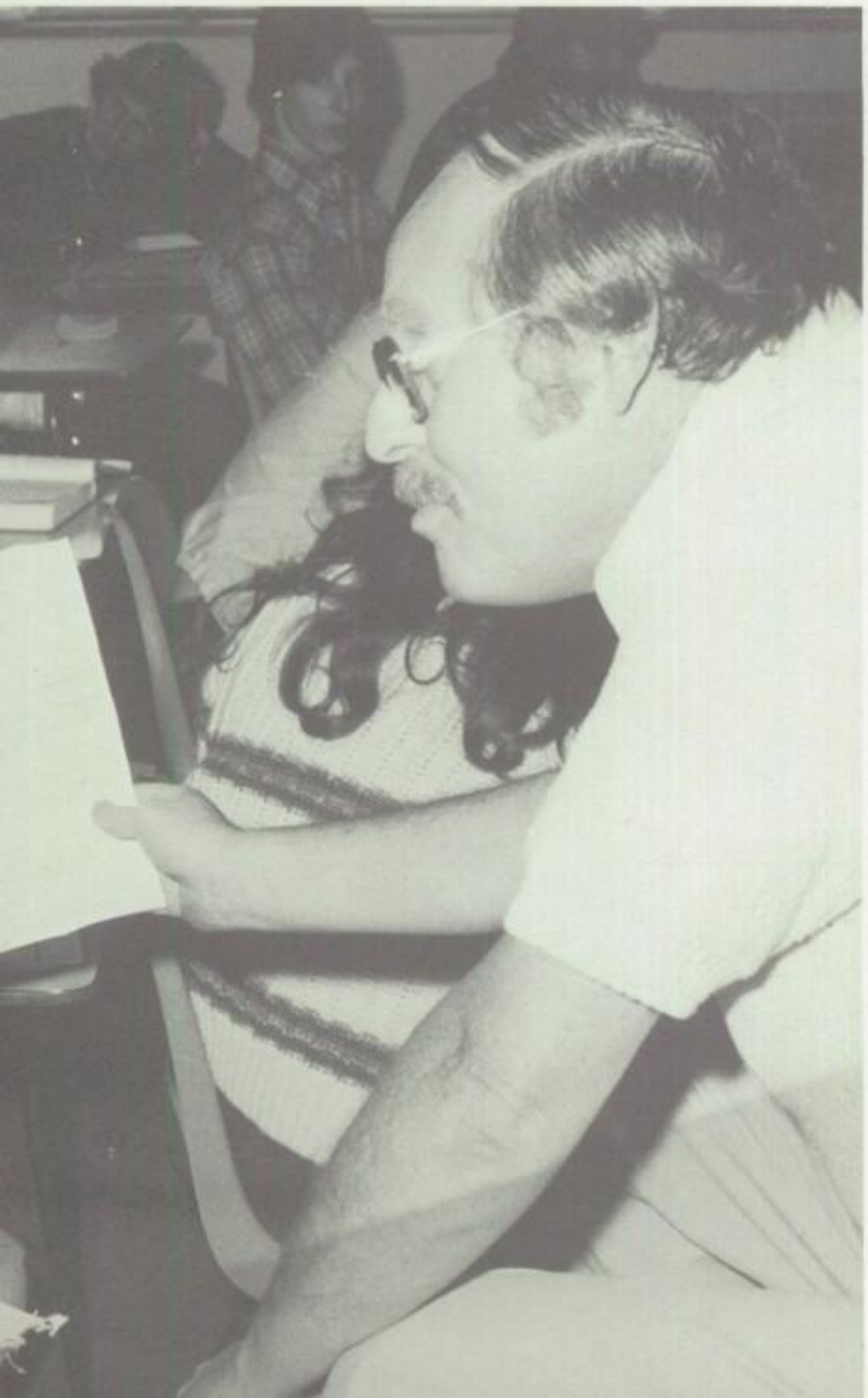
Cultural Explorations

BELOW: Explaining that man needs rules in order to define the concept of freedom, Mrs. Sue Calfin discusses a passage from Huxley's Brave New World with Corrine Razook and Pat Hannah. RIGHT: Discussing test results, Mr. Lee Alpern interprets an answer for Julie Beltz and Susan McKeown in Government.



ABOVE: When students ponder a question about the future of our society, answers vary a great deal. Mr. Donald Hoert offers this query to Bonnie Aussicker, who formulates her own possibilities.

Create Curiosity in Man's World



The study of man was the theme for Social Studies classes, where students focused on challenging areas of interest. How does the Russian educational system differ from the one in which students in America participate? How are African beliefs different from the ideas of North Americans?

America has undergone a number of tragic wars and jubilant victories. Learning about the causes and effects of these on our country was a major concern of American History students. They determined whether or not the effects of the Civil War were damaging to the nation's democracy, and whether people think America has made an immense amount of progress in the past two hundred years. Man's past and his future have always been a top priority among the curiosities that lay hidden inside his own mind. In Thurston's courses centered around the theme of man, students discovered how ancestors lived and how society will be for future generations, who must prepare to understand history from the past and apply cultural concepts to their world.

Mrs. Dagny Harris

Mr. Don Hoert

Mr. Ray McHale

Mr. Hugh Whitmer

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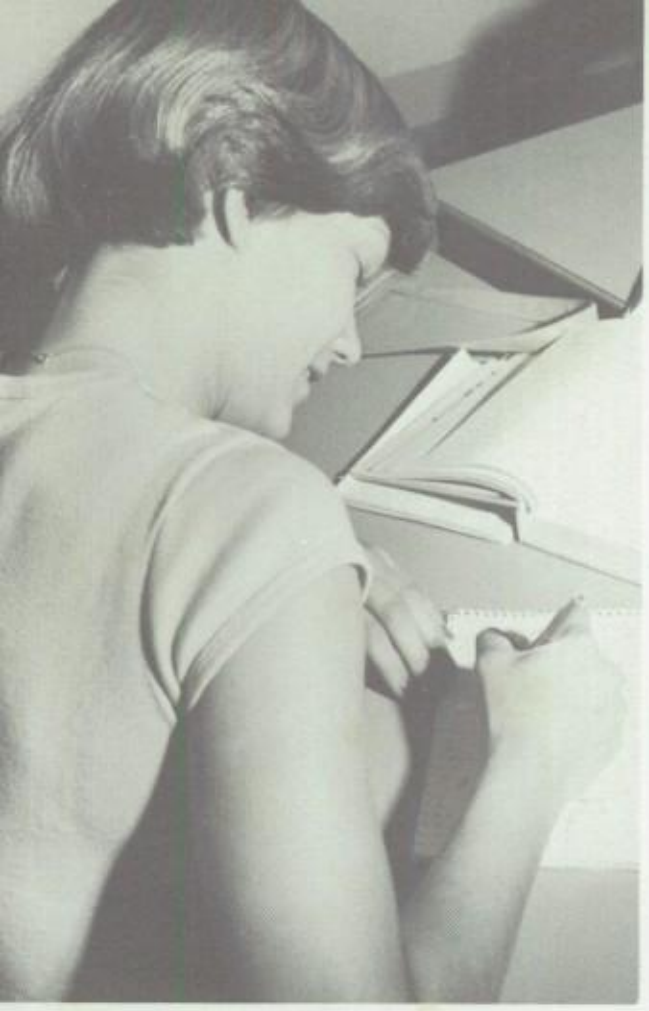


Concrete Business Program Promotes Enterprising Study

The twentieth century, the age of computers, a time when people are forever searching for easier and faster methods of carrying on everyday life, has forced us to live and learn with the changes we created. In our society where financial gain necessitates efficiency, procedures that expand productivity, while diminishing the time involved, form the foundations for successful business operations.

Business classes offered at Thurston attempted to acquaint students with the most recent innovations in the business world as well as familiarized them with older and more practiced techniques. Shorthand, typing and notehand offered a chance to modify the established writing skills while the extensive computers program went further to modernize intricate, complicated figurations and shorten tedious tasks. Accounting, Business Law, Retail Merchandising, Office Education and Business Management prepared those interested in persuing commercial careers by introducing them to the various fields of business education.

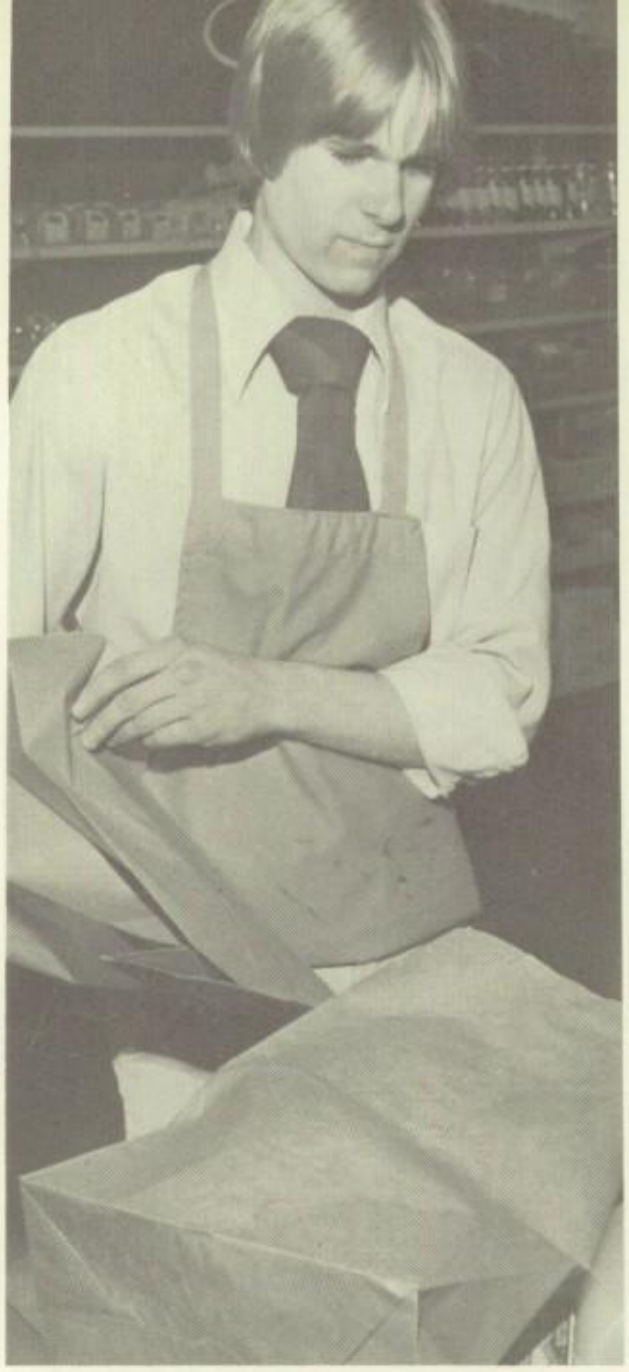
The business curriculum and its numerous sections provided an opportunity to explore the limitless areas of business study, which in turn related knowledge about the constantly changing world in which we live.

OPPOSITE PAGE ABOVE LEFT: Balancing their credits and debits, junior Bob Dugas points out an error to classmate Denise Hartley. ABOVE LEFT: Capturing the styles of shorthand, senior Kathy Grant practices her outlines. OPPOSITE PAGE FAR LEFT: Mrs. Wileata Hoyer explains the simplicity of computer programming, but junior Steve Viazanko looks bewildered when he sees the intricate systems. LEFT: Striving for perfection, junior Frank Ladebauche accurately improves his speed as Mr. James Gerber carefully checks for proper form. BELOW: Senior Karen Stein asks Mrs. Doris Rowan a question about her puzzling shorthand assignment.

Mrs. Barbara Brana

Mr. Timothy Eis

Mr. Russell Fancett

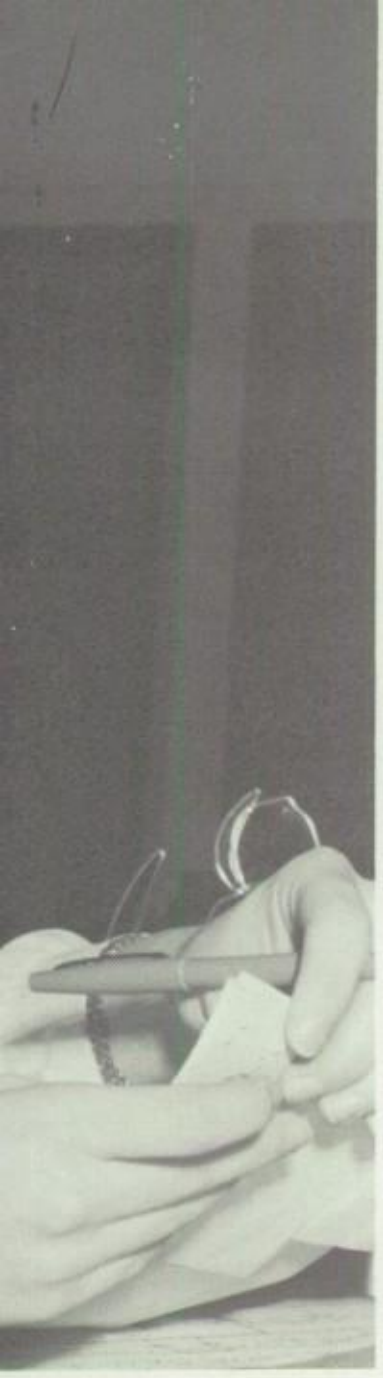


Community Co-Op, Job Placement Programs

Ms. Pat Flowers

Mr. Gordon Young

ABOVE LEFT: Learning the grocery business, Bob Beane packs bags at Farmer Jack's supermarket, where he earns cash and credit. ABOVE RIGHT: Gaining valuable office experience, Denise Kapron handles Flint Ink's secretarial work. RIGHT: At Redford Auto Electric Mr. Ron McAuliffe explains how to rebuild motors to Randy Byler and Dennis Kelley. ABOVE: Duane Harbowy works on drafting at Multifastener Corporation.

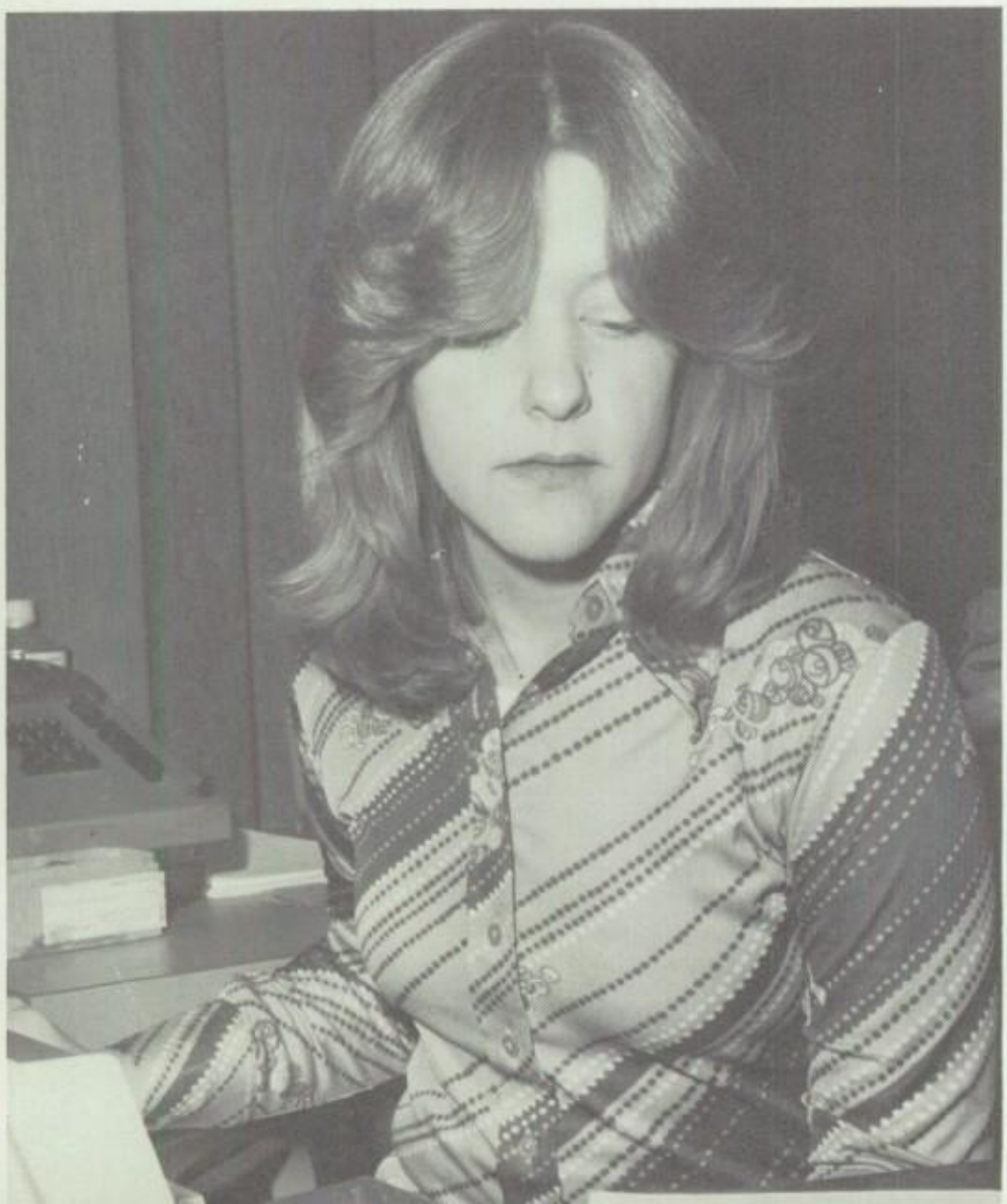


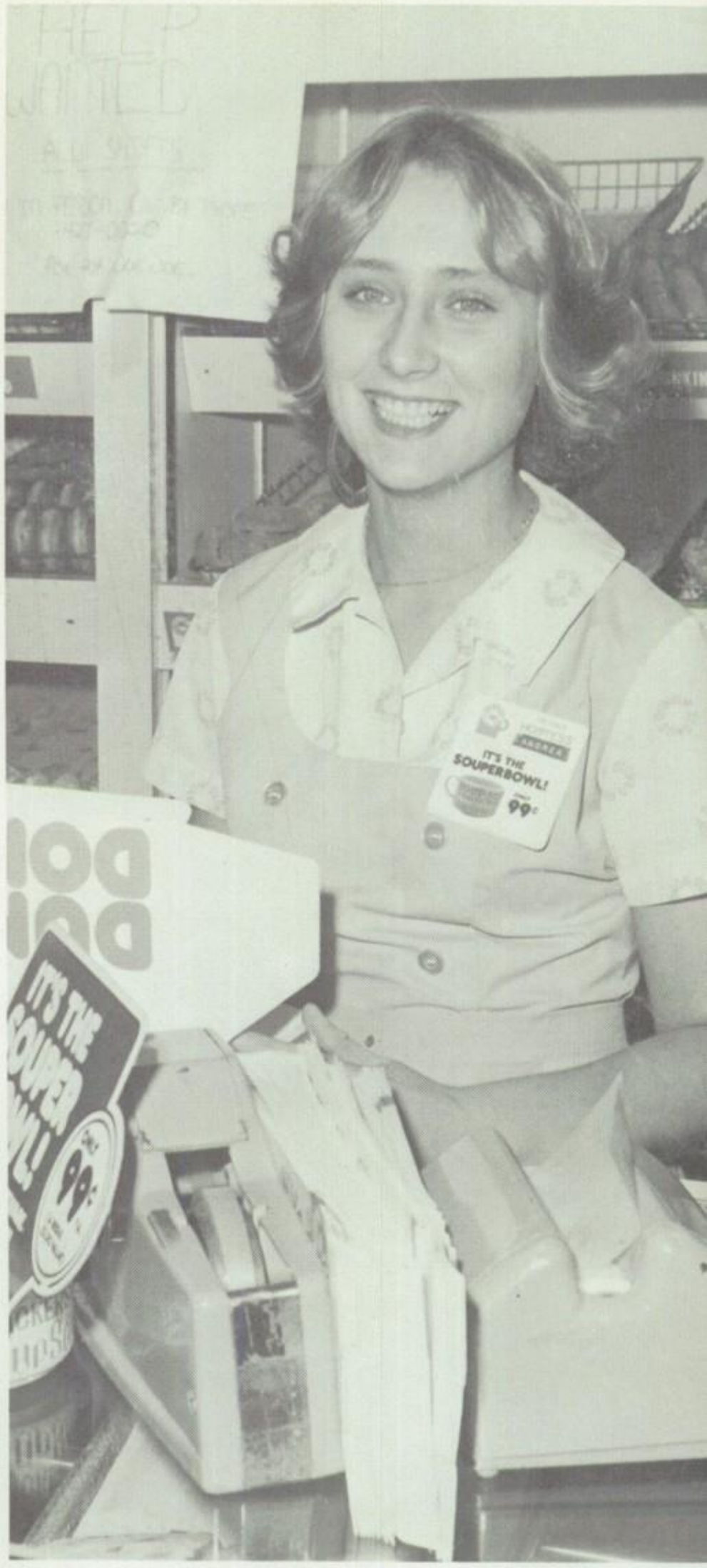
"Wanted: Young man or woman, part-time, experience necessary," is a basic prerequisite business people in the community expect when they interview prospective employees. With more applicants in the job market looking for fewer positions, work experience is an important factor in deciding who gets the job, for it tells a potential employer whether a person is capable, trustworthy, hardworking and congenial. After a personality assessment has been made, many firms prefer to train workers to fit their patterns of business.

For Thurston students enrolled in the Co-Op Training Program, work experience was easier to establish because companies in the community knew special supervisors carefully watched their progress. Since many fulfilled graduation requirements for academic classes earlier, Co-Op jobs helped participants earn extra money necessary for further education.

RIGHT: Afternoons at Dunkin' Donuts give Andrea Mosakoski job experience and an excellent chance to meet the public with a big smile. BELOW: Answering Excel Products' phone and taking care of their clerical responsibilities helps Debbie Hanson sharpen her office skills and fulfill the requirements for credit in Co-Op class.

Create Opportunities

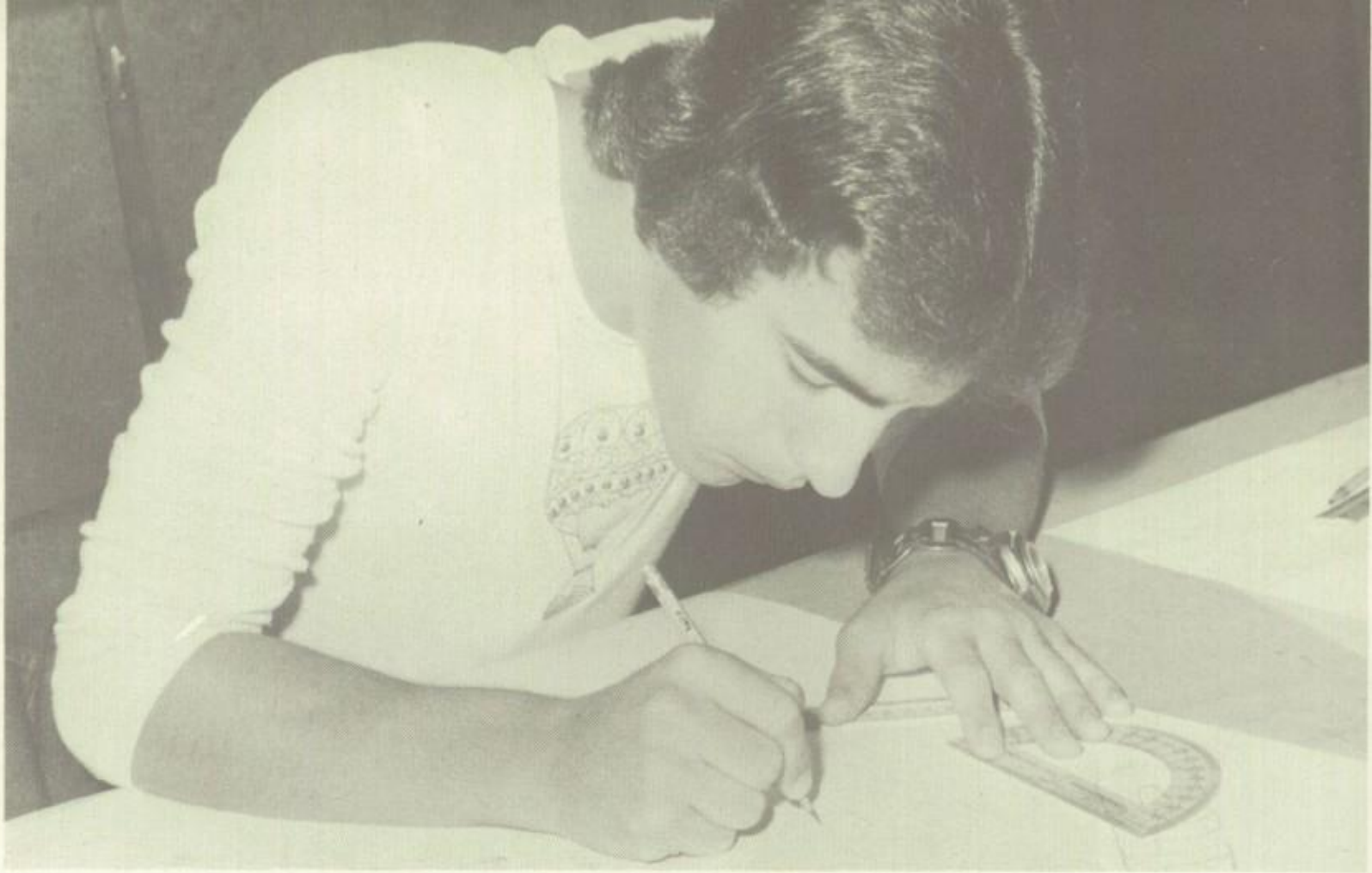




Mr. Lou Brooks

Mr. William Stiles

Mrs. Helen Voss



Photographers Use Snap Judgements

Mrs. Joan Clary

Mr. Richard Lambert

Mr. William Pignonello

Mr. Eugene Zawisa

Furthering Craig Rodriguez's understanding of a 35 mm camera, photography buff Mr. Gene Zawisa (ABOVE) interests others in his own hobby. RIGHT: Demonstrating the art of shading, Mr. Bill Pignonello assists Doreen Cane and Shelly Wiley. TOP: Junior Jerry Carbary contemplates the structure of his model. OPPOSITE PAGE LEFT: Applying his knowledge to Nancy Phillips, Mr. Richard Lambert explains the technique behind perspective. OPPOSITE PAGE RIGHT: Pottery requires a refined method, which Mrs. Joan Clary shows Sue Kowdynski and Michele Martineac.

To Focus on Development of Art Design

Pride . . . accomplishment . . . individualism . . . all three of these describe the rewarding feelings demonstrated over finished artwork—whether it be a painting, sculpture or photograph. An investment in creativity, art assumes many shapes. Characterized by the swish of a brush, the squash of wet clay or the snap of the shutter, an artist name stamps his work through his own uniqueness and concept of reality.

The educators at Thurston believe that through this very uniqueness, teaching can be an individual process based on each student's own ability, interest and skill. Because of these considerations, courses were offered in a wide range to suit aspiring Picassos or those mainly interested in acquiring the knowledge of appreciating the skills of others.

While the subject of photography's place in the arts is controversial, this developed talent becomes an art when basic techniques and creativity are applied to an expression of oneself. Some people are able to capture their subjects on film at just the right instant to create a photographic paragon while the beginner must master the techniques of proper composition and the technical aspects of focusing. Anyone can be an artist as the only requirements employ a keen sense of individualism and an open mind.

Band Sounds Out Noteworthy Music

Seats reserved . . . tickets stamped . . . passports validated . . . baggage weighed . . . the only thing remaining was the actual flight—the big day had finally arrived. After months of preparation, fund raising and anticipation, more than seventy-five nervously excited band members boarded a long awaited plane. Destination . . . Austria. Three weeks, seven concerts, eight parades and three countries later, each returned full of stories and memories, which would highlight the summer and be remembered for a lifetime.

The Austria trip, though much a part of the band's activities, was far from being the only significant event of the year. Traditional pregame and halftime football shows occupied much of the opening school months with members participating in daily practices, marching drills and mastering new routines and formations. The winter months provided time to work on individual as well as group music pieces in preparation for District Festival and State competitions. Fund raising also became a major activity with proceeds from fruit sales going toward the purchase of new instruments and band equipment. Performances at the annual Honors Night and Commencement ceremonies brought the year to a close and gave graduating seniors a chance to play in their high school band one last time, a moment to share with friends on a final but emotional occasion.

BELOW: Perfecting their marching techniques, Joe Dobday, Judie Kangas, Rob Kurnick, Pete Bradley, Becky Sheridan and Jon Blakely rehearse a new routine.

LEFT: Keeping an eye on the director, Jean Ashley awaits her cue to begin playing. BELOW LEFT: Drum Major Dave Marcotte emphasizes the importance of unity. BOTTOM: Drummers Al Patrash, Glenn Winn, Tom Arsenault and Bruce Gleba engage in a little fun during practice. BELOW: Trumpeter Bob Flanigan rehearses for a solo. RIGHT: Kurt Bluhm watches for directions while (ABOVE) Mr. Ted Smith signals for him to move up.

RIGHT: Making sure the music flows smoothly, Mr. William Roth conducts the orchestra while Sally Roberts and Tim Beckendorf offer approval of the sound. BELOW: Executing an even stroke insures uniform tonal quality on a string instrument, which Tim Beckendorf tries to perfect on his cello.

BELOW: Being a part of an orchestra requires an ability to blend individual performances with that of a larger group. For Andy Bagwell an opportunity to play his cello presents a chance to develop unique musical talents during rehearsals.

Singers, Stringers 'A-Choir' Sharp Style

From rehearsing standard Christmas carols to perfecting the show music of "Singing in the Rain," Thurston's choir prepared for their seasonal public appearances. When uniform strains of sweet music flowed from the vocal room, members of the chorus knew they were disciplined enough to share their gift of song with friends and parents, who could appreciate the efforts necessary to provide entertainment.

Since the orchestra this year was very small, the demand for highly developed individual talents was more apparent, for in a smaller group the emphasis was on the quality of performances and technical execution of selected music. Competitions among single orchestra members kept enthusiasm high while weekly practice sessions focused on the importance of the harmony of the strings. Choir and orchestra Director William Roth conducted each group as they practiced to maintain musical excellence.

LEFT: Carefully watching Mr. William Roth for her cue, Myra Diakiw adds polished notes from her violin. BELOW LEFT: Breathing correctly helps improve the sharpness of the music for Donna Marini, Bonnie Aussicker and (BELOW) Laura Morris as they contribute to the choir.

Art of Language Pronounces New Challenge

Every individual is born with the incentive to learn. Because we are never completely satisfied to acquire knowledge pertaining only to our lives, we strive for a challenge that will broaden our scope of information. This challenge is often met by studying a foreign language in school.

At Thurston three languages, German, French and Spanish, were offered to students. Whatever language a student chose to study, each one presented an opportunity to develop not only the art of speech but also an understanding of that country's culture.

The ability to speak a foreign language requires endless amounts of practice and study. Once a student has made his selection, he may then continue his language experience through his years at Thurston and in life.

ABOVE LEFT: Books are one of the main sources of educational information. Although the facts are present, the concepts at times are difficult to perceive. To overcome this, Mrs. Barbara Benstein further explains ideas of importance to senior Renee Tomcsik.

ABOVE RIGHT: No one ever said learning a forei language was an easy task, but with help fro Mrs. Sarita Lavin, Maria Mackowski realizes th it's not an impossible one. BELOW: Mrs. An Lopez smiles as Kim Krueger, Joan Jenkins a Phyllis Benkovsky prepare to sell strudel.

Haven of Solitude Creates Setting for Study

Arms loaded with books, students stumble over the threshold and hurriedly plant themselves in their assigned seats. It's another school day and there's work to be done. The bell rings, signaling the beginning of class and consequently distracting noises. Pencils tapping, voices whispering, chairs squeaking. . .not exactly an atmosphere for concentration. Nevertheless, there was a place, where one could go to accomplish work with the aid of the indepth material necessary for research. The library was a place for peace and quiet where assistance in locating a book was always near at hand. Thurston's librarians, Mrs. Helen Kazanowski and Miss Jan Landsberg, provided this assistance and worked with a staff of students to create an atmosphere for successful study.

ABOVE LEFT: There are some things of which you just can't get enough. For Miss Jan Landsberg it's reading as she recommends an article, that brought avid hours of enjoyment, to Larry LeWalk. ABOVE RIGHT: Decisions, decisions. . . it's difficult to choose when there's so much variety. Greg May takes a seat in order to select the appropriate book to suit his taste. LEFT: With the pressure of a report due Mrs. Helen Kazanowski aids Karen Begley by offering a librarian's knowledge in locating the exact information needed to complete a special project.

BELOW: Working on her Creative Stitchery project, Karen Heikkuri questions Mrs. Linda Dailey on how to properly knot a stitch. BOTTOM: Discovering how easy it is to make her own clothes, Lori DeCesco sews an outfit on her Singer.

Industrious Homemakers

Mrs. Stephanie Bury

Ms. Lynn Cornell

Mrs. Linda Dailey

Ms. Karen Frantz

LEFT: Stirring to maintain the correct consistency, Barb Killam keeps an eye on her recipe as Ms. Karen Frantz surveys her progress. BELOW: Measuring Kathy Grant's waist, Mrs. Barbara Brana checks the goal board.

BELOW: Individual tastes, durability and lifestyle are considered by Ms. Lynn Cornell, Personal Clothing Instructor, and Rosemary Keenan in determining the perfect pattern that would complement her personality.

Design New Patterns for Future Households

Teaching the basic skills, cooking and sewing, while exploring other related fields like Interior Design and Child Care, Thurston's Home Economics Department offers a variety of courses for students, who need a break from routine, with possible domestic careers in mind. Beginning Foods, Personal Clothing and Creative Stitchery all assisted students in developing lifelong interests while Occupational Health, Cosmotology and First Aid and Personal Safety provided experience for potential job placement possibilities.

Although practical skills are often taken for granted, in depth study in these areas provided an opportunity to develop an enlightened, progressive approach to sometimes ordinary daily routines in everyday life.

Industrial Arts Mechanize Vocational Talents

Mr. Paul Bawol

Mr. Fred Golden

Mr. Kenneth Heim

Mr. Tom Janaulis

Mr. Bob Knittle

Mr. Clyde Niedfeldt

Mr. Justin Piper

Mr. Ron Wood

By experiencing fundamentals of engineer ing, car maintenance and electronics, student explored future career choices in the Industria Arts program, where their interests influence course selections.

Students in Architectural Drawing II stud ied the basic procedures and techniques use in designing structures while Greenhous Operation and Management prepared inter ested novices with job-entry skills to ente this vocation. Students learned methods o growth, diseases and the safe use of gardenin equipment as well as the care for the part of the greenhouse including the watering, heat ing and ventilation systems.

Whatever the course, participants in th Industrial Skills classes gained knowledge an experience as they looked toward promisin futures in their selected trades, where industr dictates an individual's success.

LEFT: As juniors Dave McMillan and Mike Fitzsimmon watch with interest, Mr. Ron Wood explains the proces of tuning an engine while (ABOVE) Larry Gollbach use the table saw on his project. OPPOSITE PAGE TO Junior Roy Stefanko and senior Bruce Pindzia discus plans for their structure while (FAR RIGHT) Mr. Bo Knittle explains the methods of building an experiment amplifier to Bob Bylin. RIGHT: Mr. Justin Piper watche as Randy Radloff developes his idea.

Coeds Strike Bull's Eye Targets in Leisure

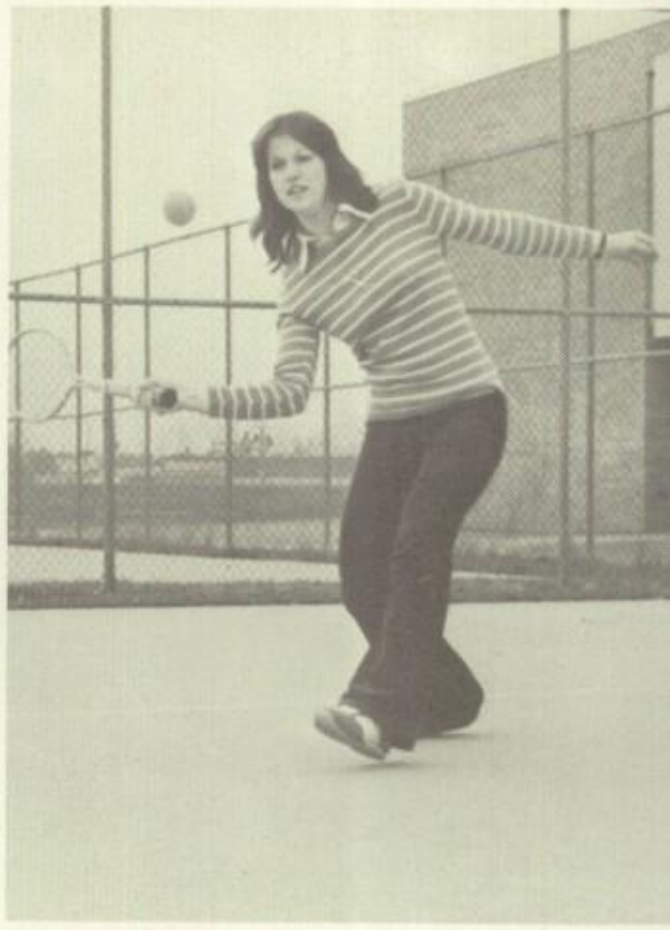
Learning to use leisure time well was a concept teachers in physical education classes tried to present to their enthusiastic students, who scheduled time for individual and team sports activities. Comprehending complex rules for team sports required experience with the game, where players developed good sportsmanship tactics even though tempers sometimes stressed winning the contest. In individual physical education activities being able to swim an extra lap or defeating a difficult singles opponent gave personal pride to improved athletes.

For sophomores a new Michigan law introduced the idea of coed gym classes, where boys and girls engaged in combined sporting activities, and most students liked the new structure of physical education classes.

RIGHT: Playing a good set of tennis requires power, coordination and a strategic game plan. For junior Cindy Kleczynski Lifetime Sports class offers a chance to improve her tennis strokes. OPPOSITE PAGE LEFT: Senior Craig Kelly enjoys his turn on the trampoline, where he builds height to execute a flip. FAR RIGHT: Miss Carole Kirouac supervises an archery session, while Sandy Sawle aims for the bull's eye on the target. BOTTOM LEFT: Ed Proffitt and Kim Kruegar finish a lap in the pool. BELOW: Mr. Bill Croteau watches for the pins to fall as Mike Poisson aims for a strike.

Mr. Don Riehl

Ms. Jane Robey



Mr. William Croteau

Miss Carole Kirouac

Mr. Joe Mracna

Time Game Plans

Consulting call numbers for shelf placement, Diane O'Dwyer files books in their respective places as a part of her job at the Redford Township Library.

Submitting a few helpful suggestions to Richard Minton's drafting project at Multifastener Corporation, Mr. Tom Pouch checks the progress of the drawing.

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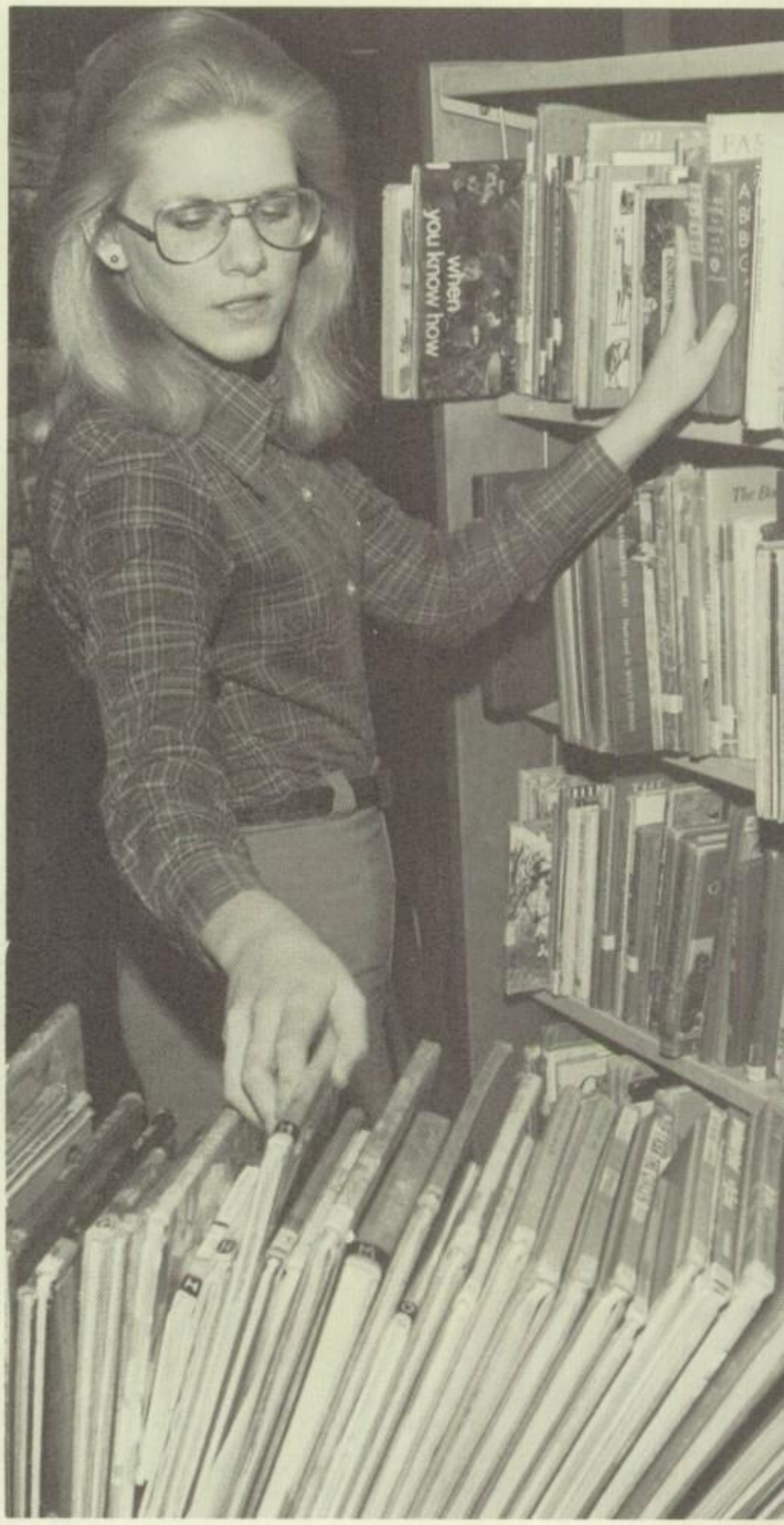

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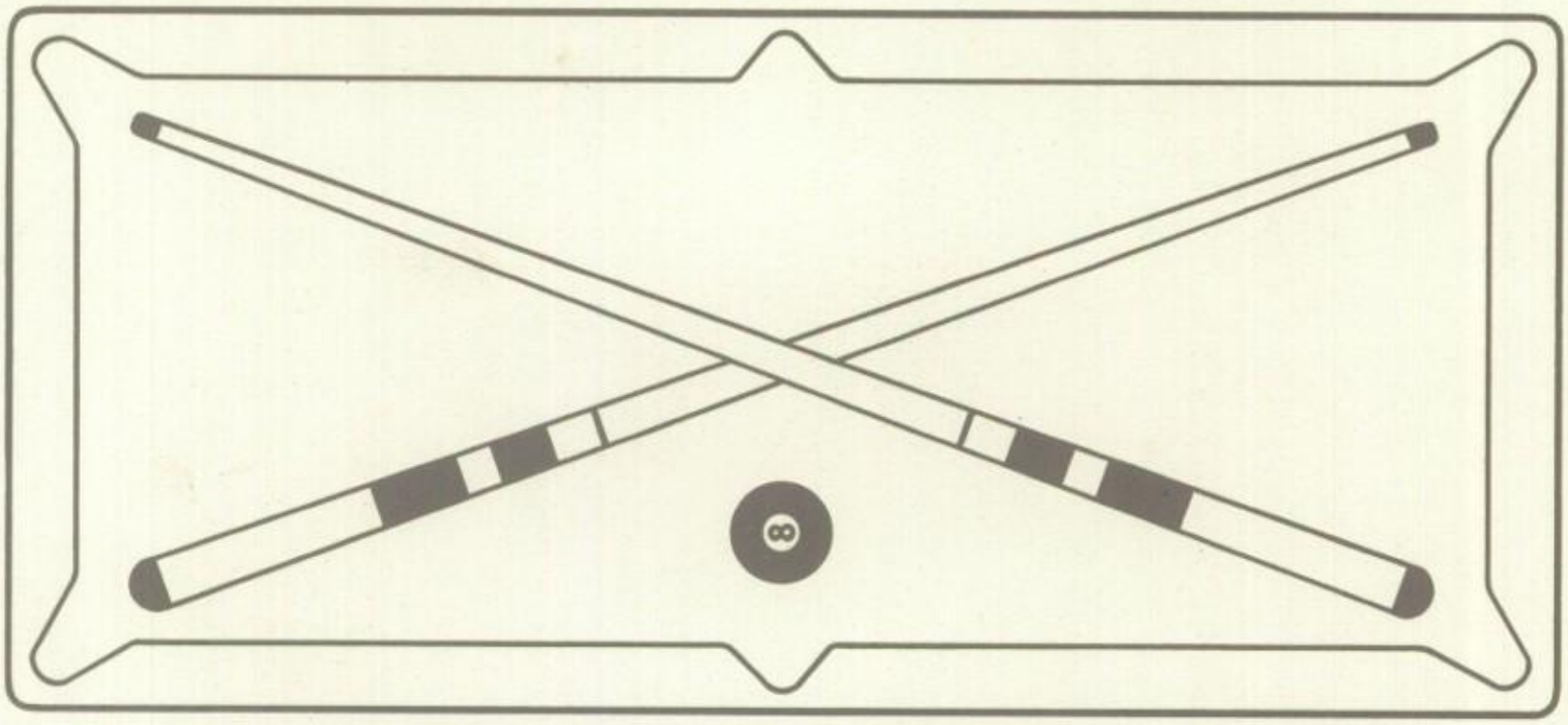

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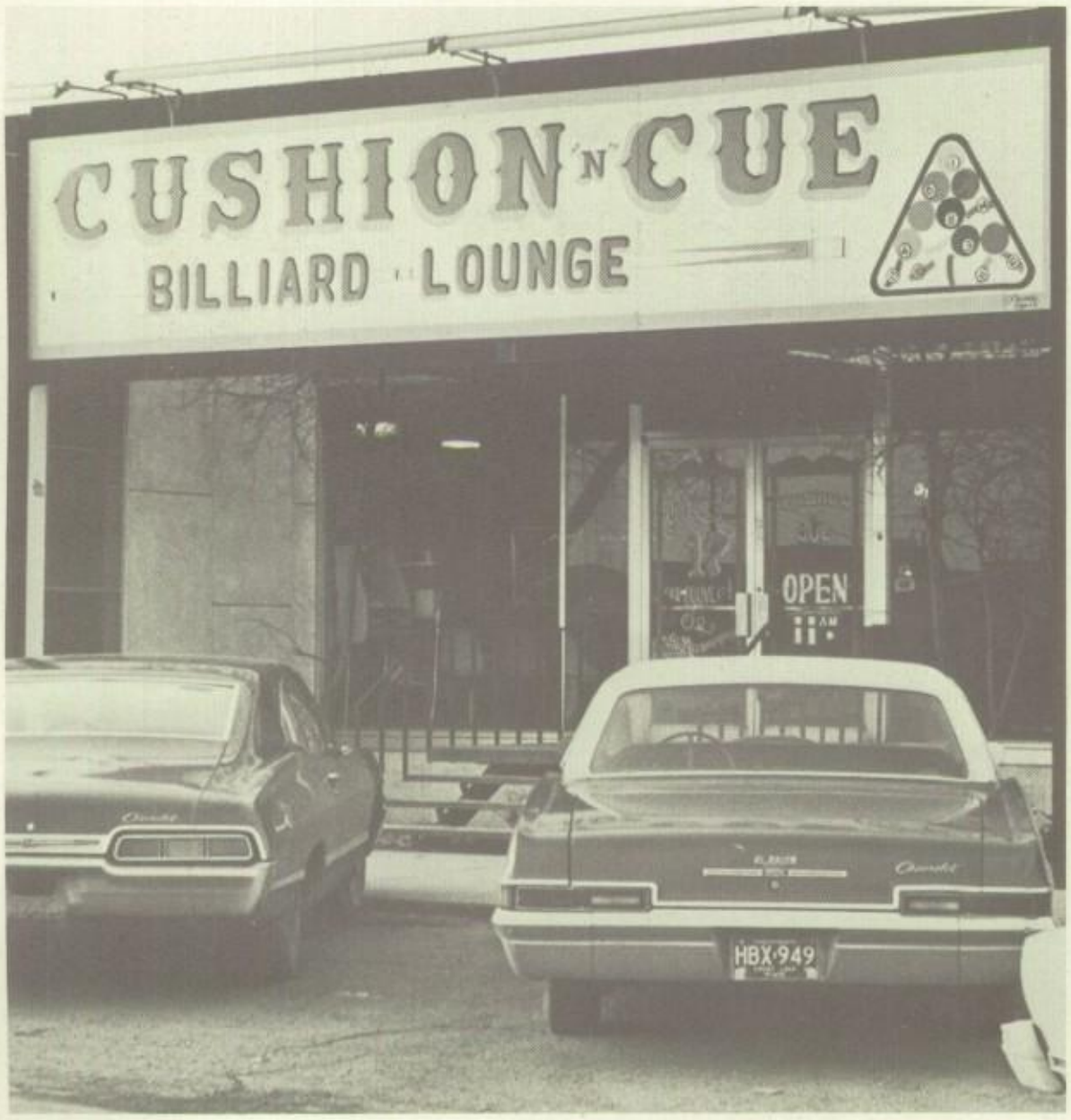
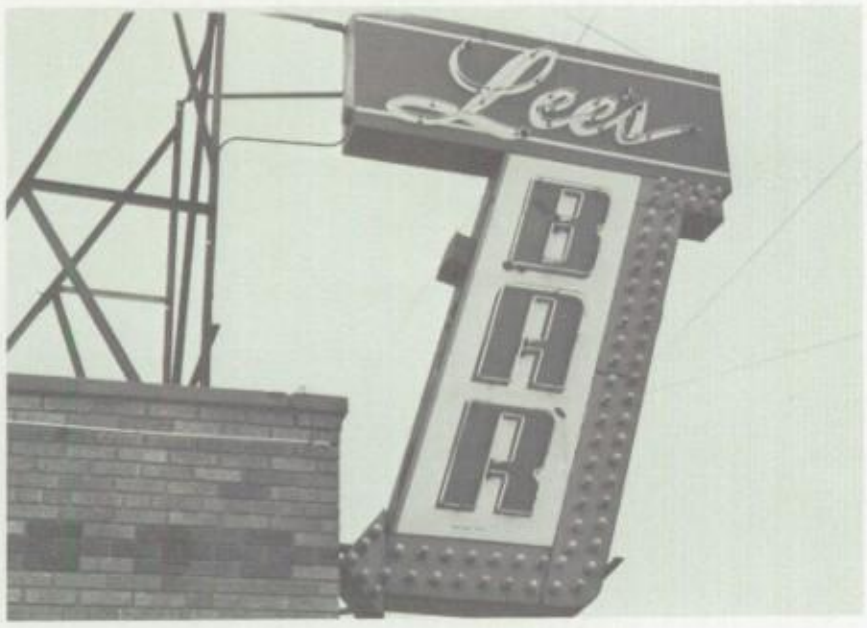


BELOW: Thurston's Lifetime Sports classes offer Denise Hartley and Bob Pearson a chance to learn to use leisure time by making the most of Cushion 'N Cue's facilities.



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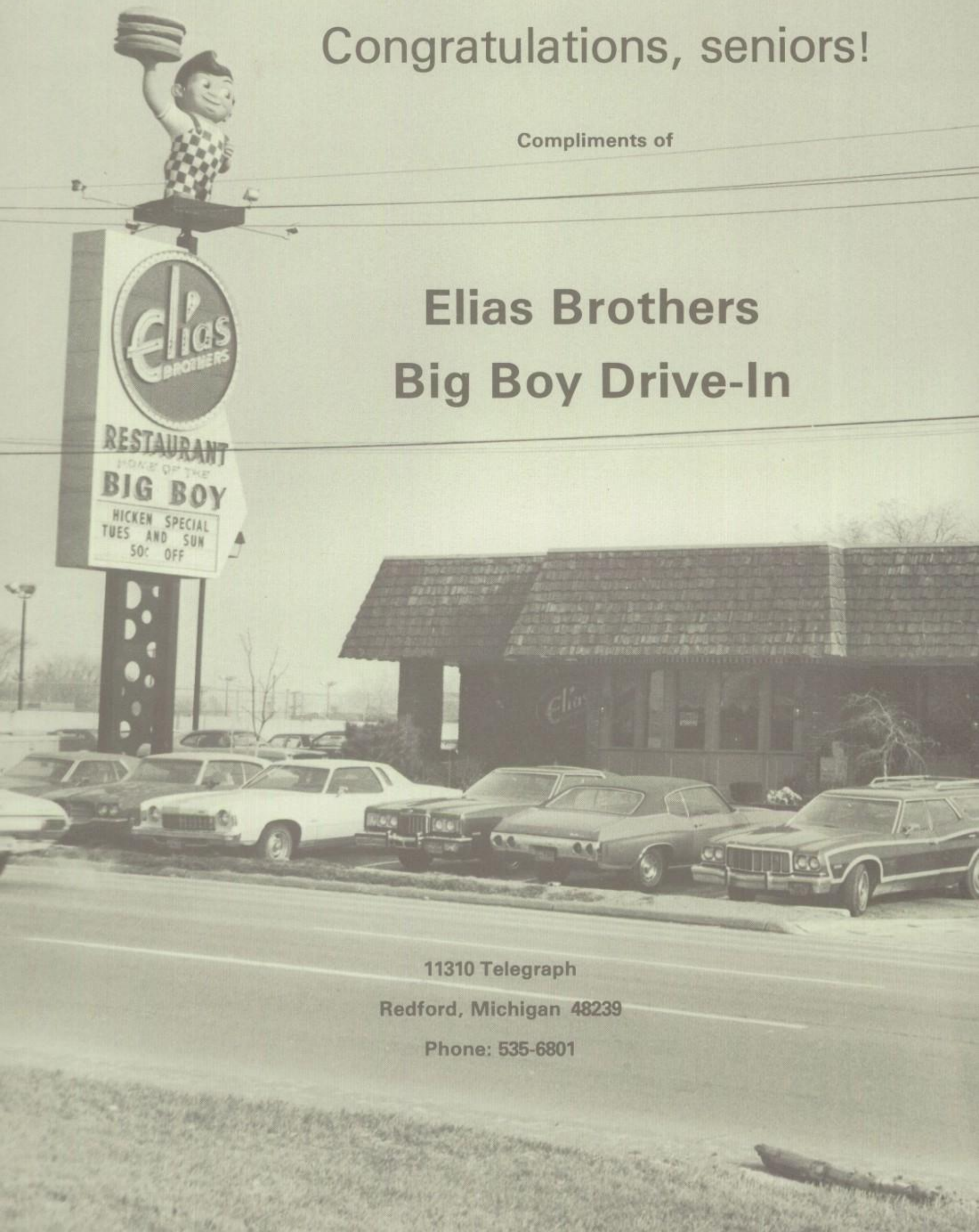

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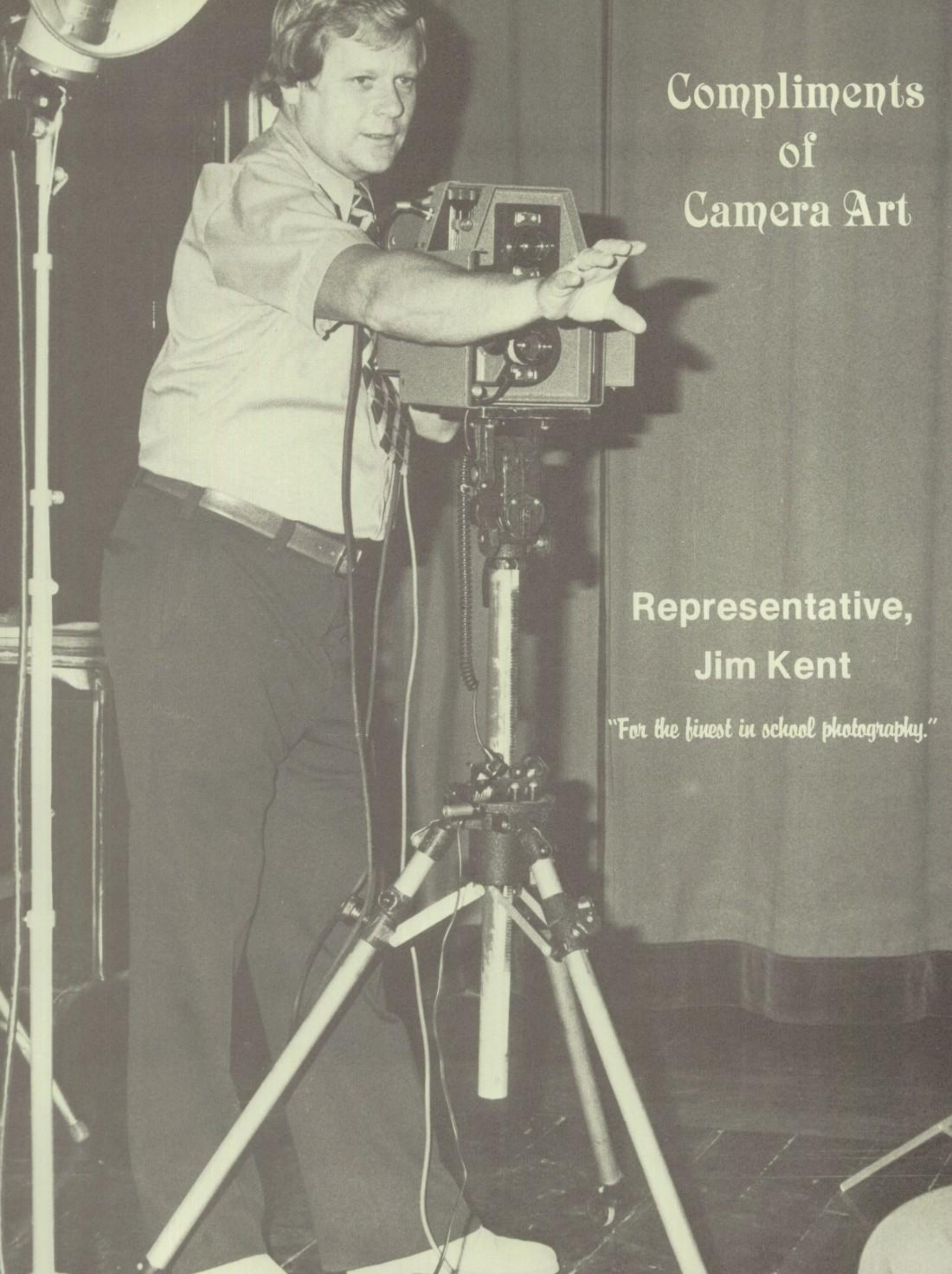

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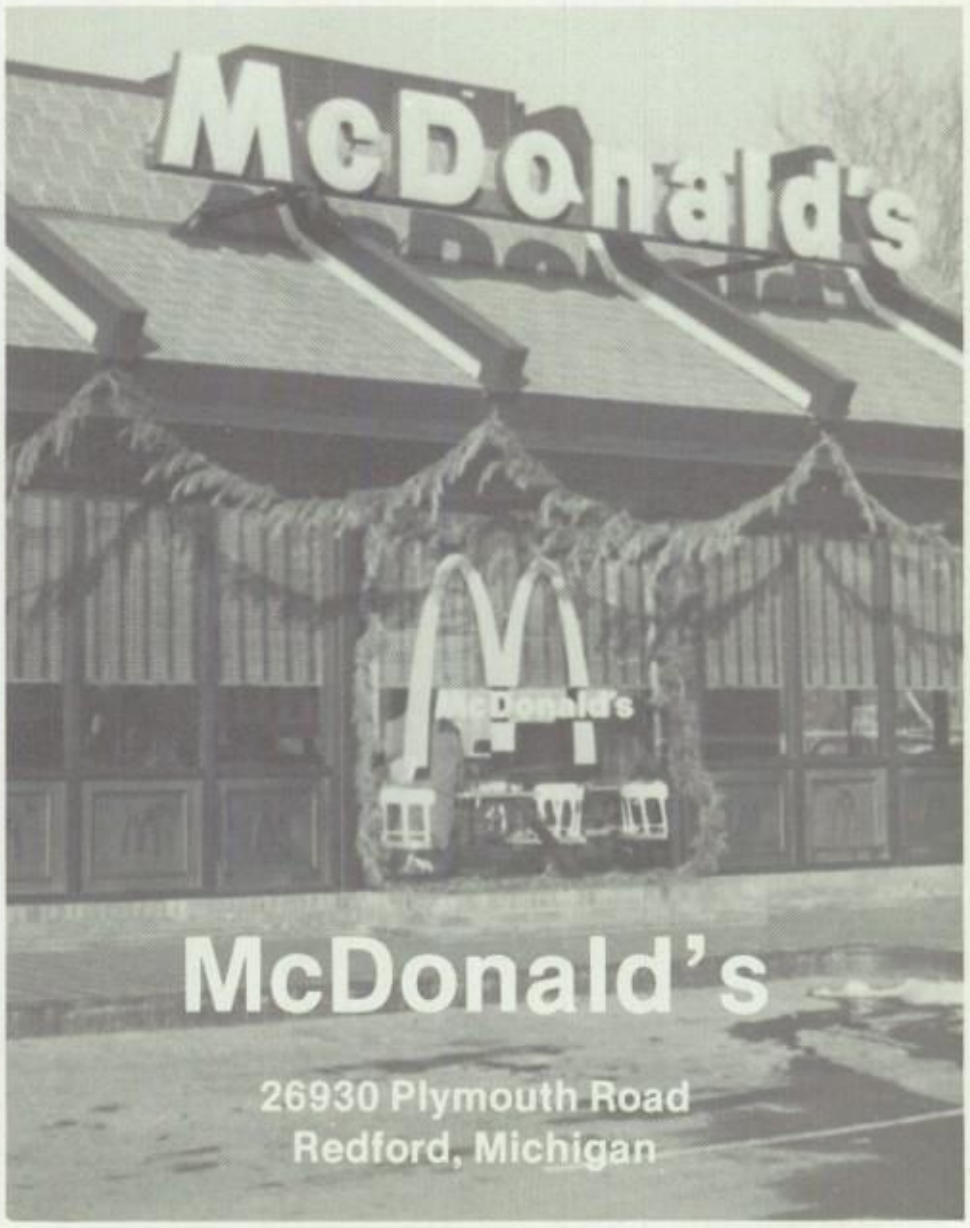

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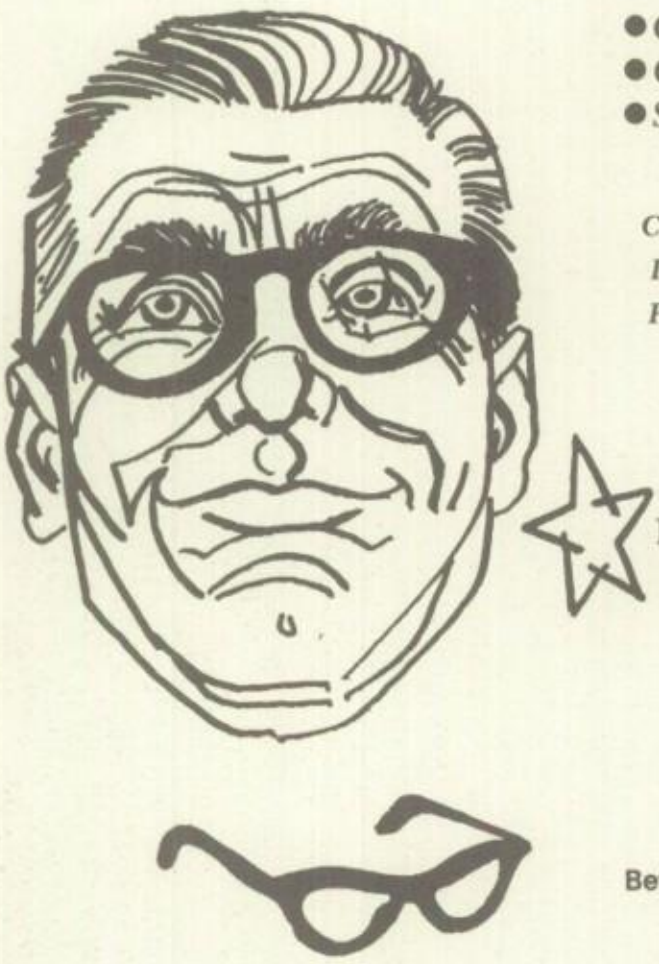

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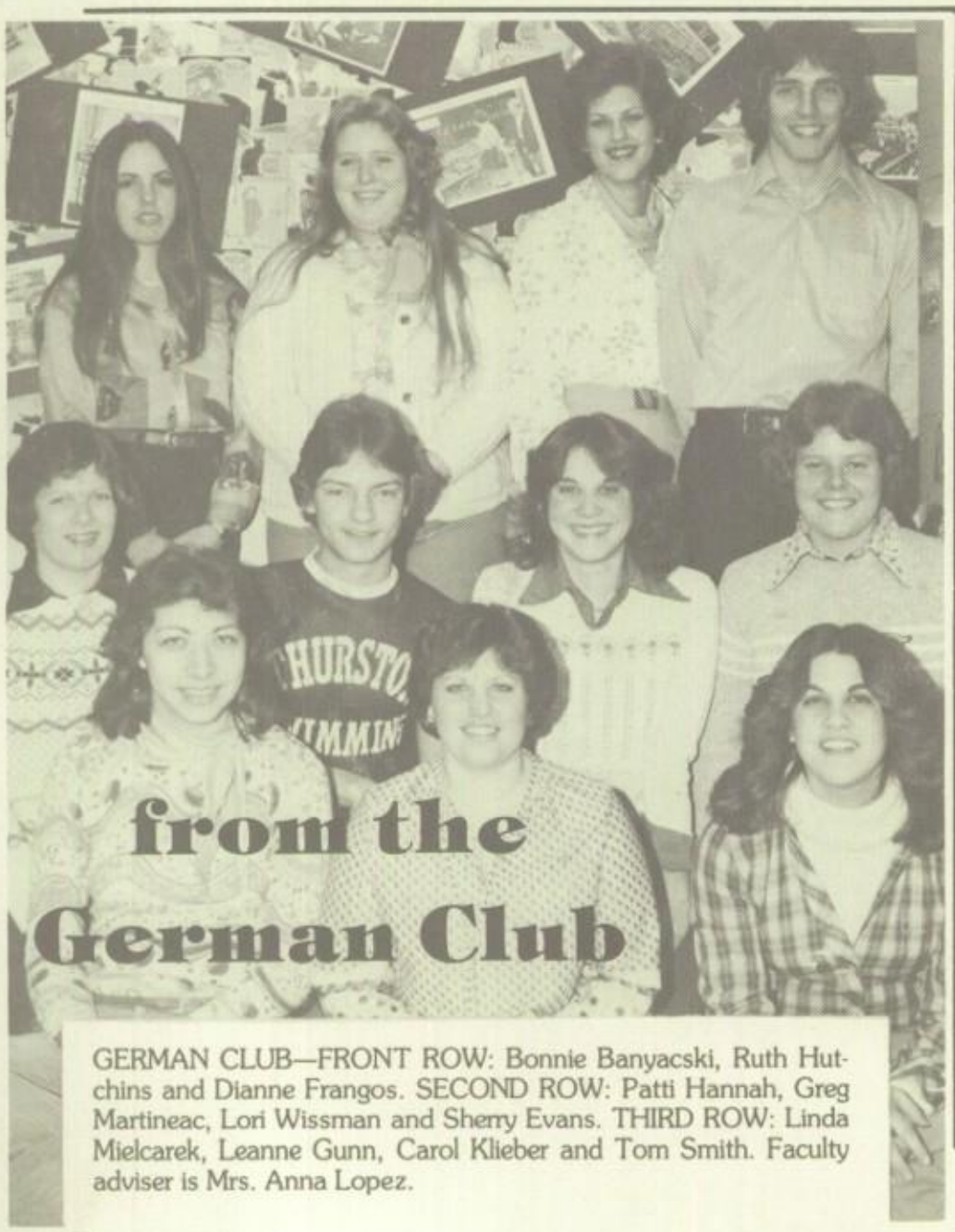

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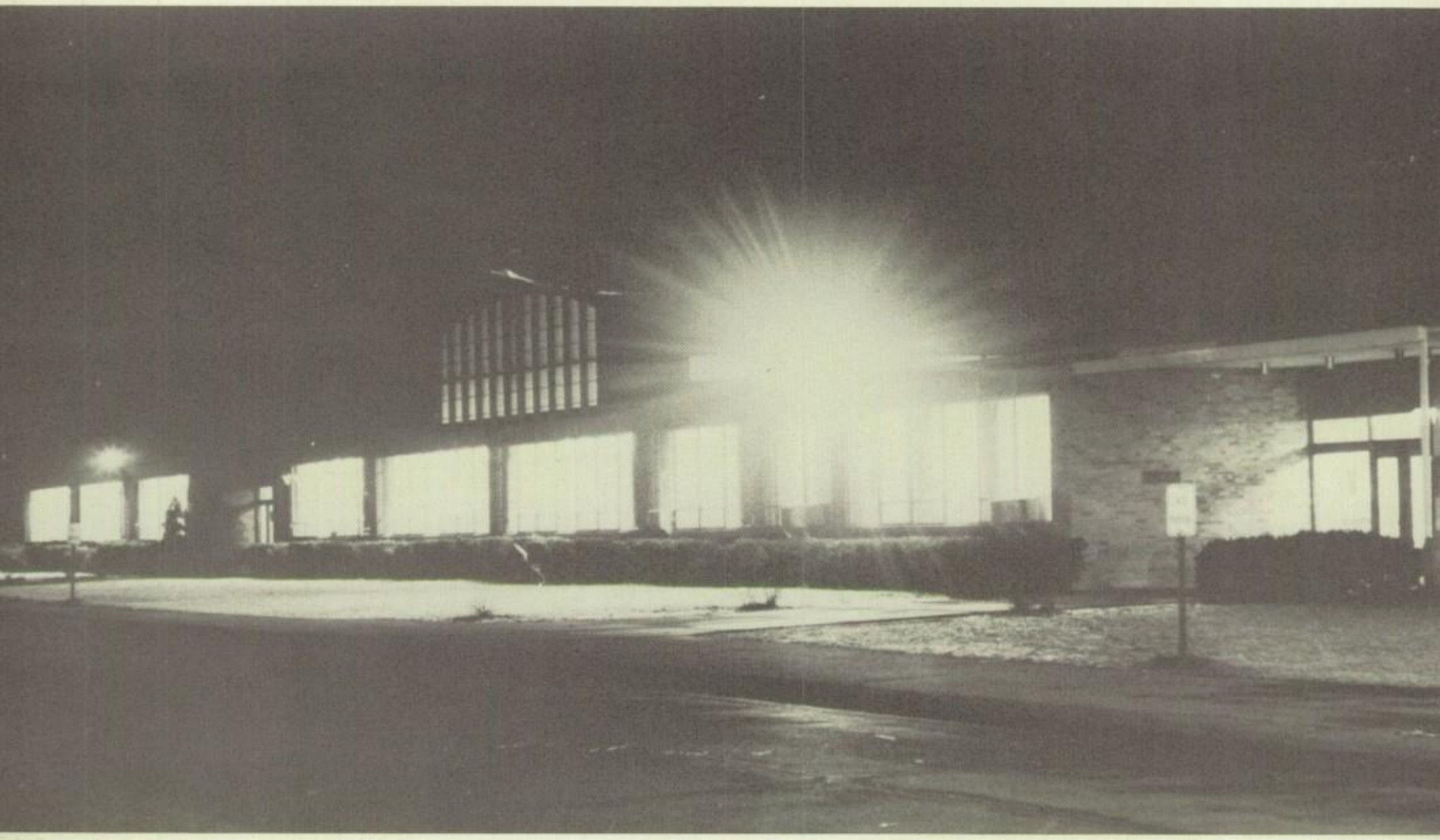

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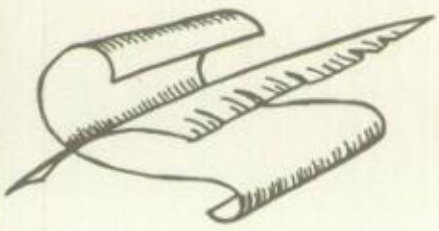

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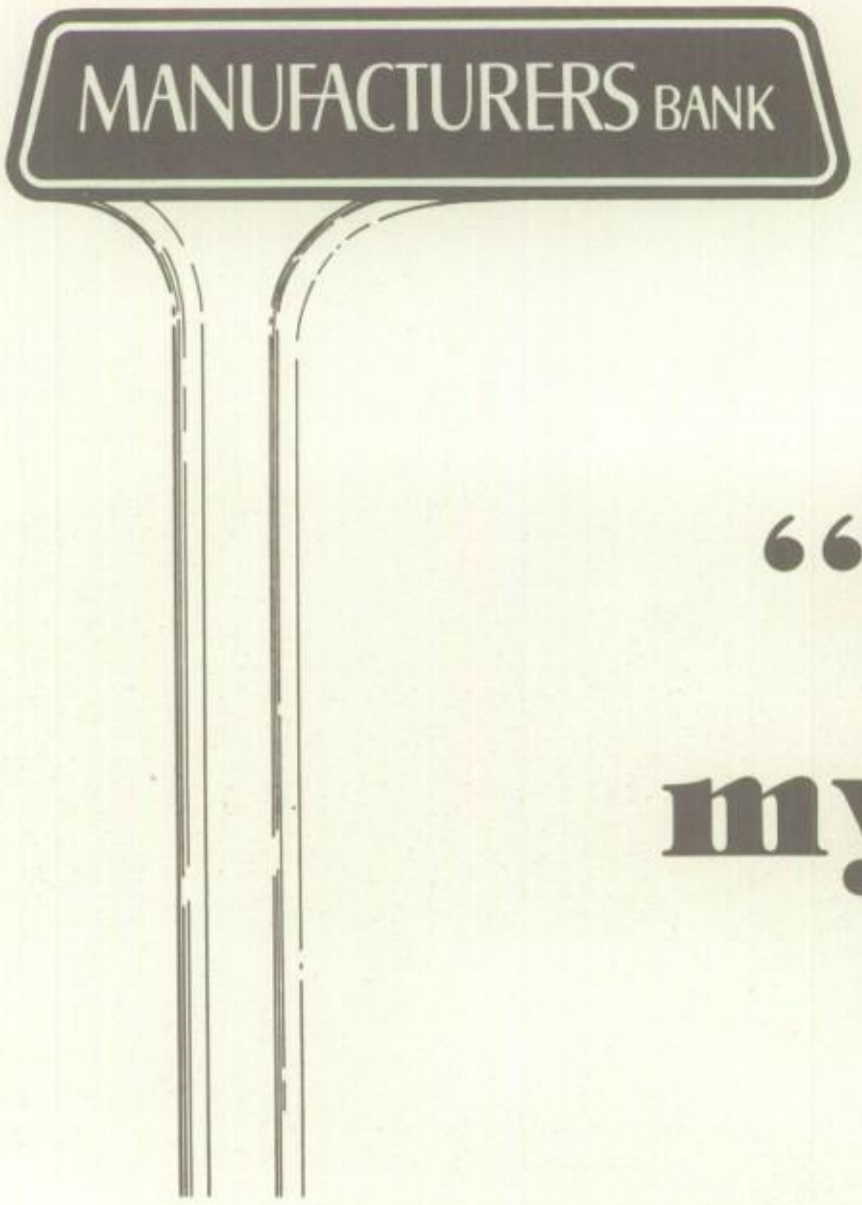

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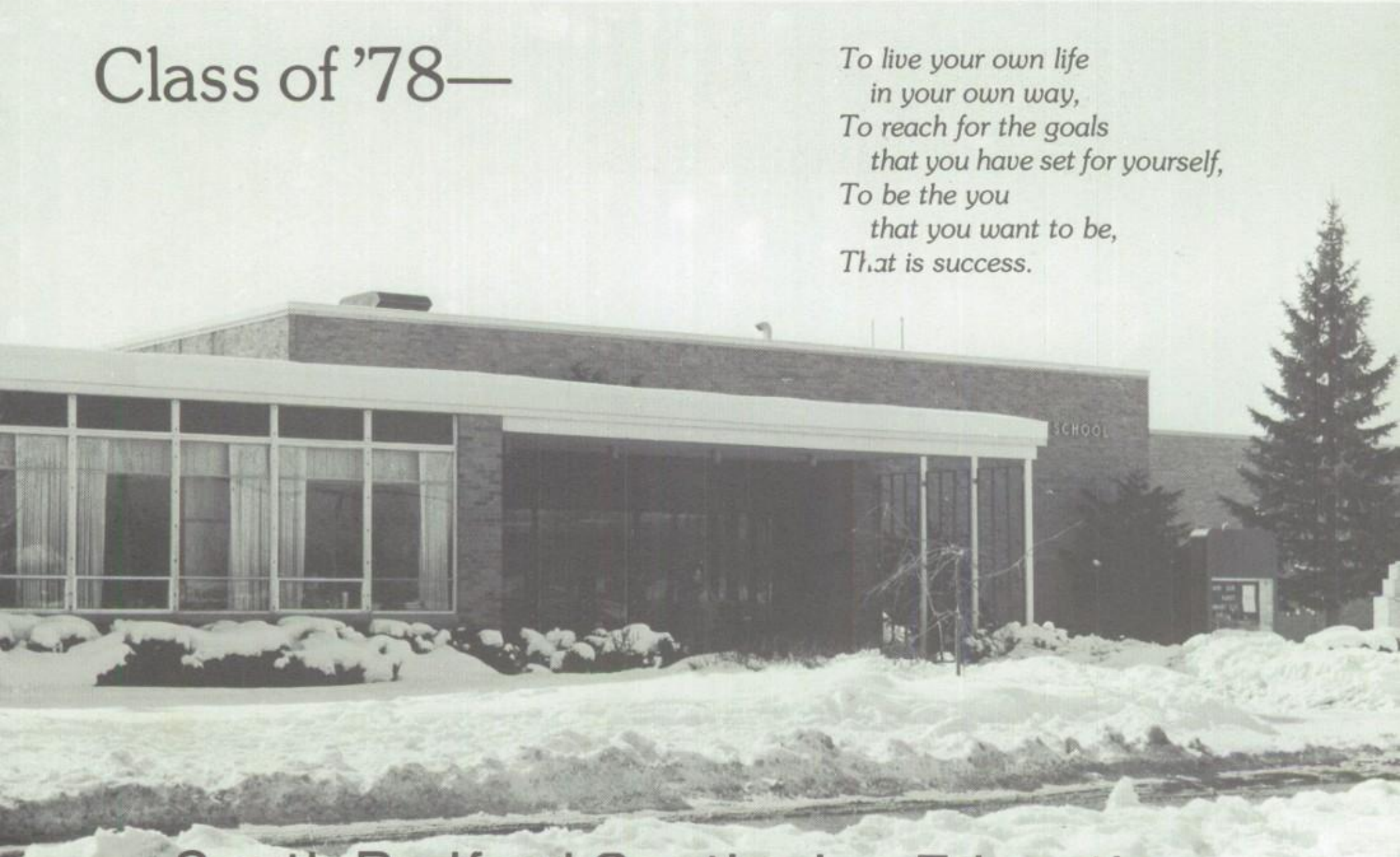

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Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sakowski

Congratulations, Gina!
From the Sasin Family

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Love, Mom and Dad
Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Smith

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Love you, Mom and Dad
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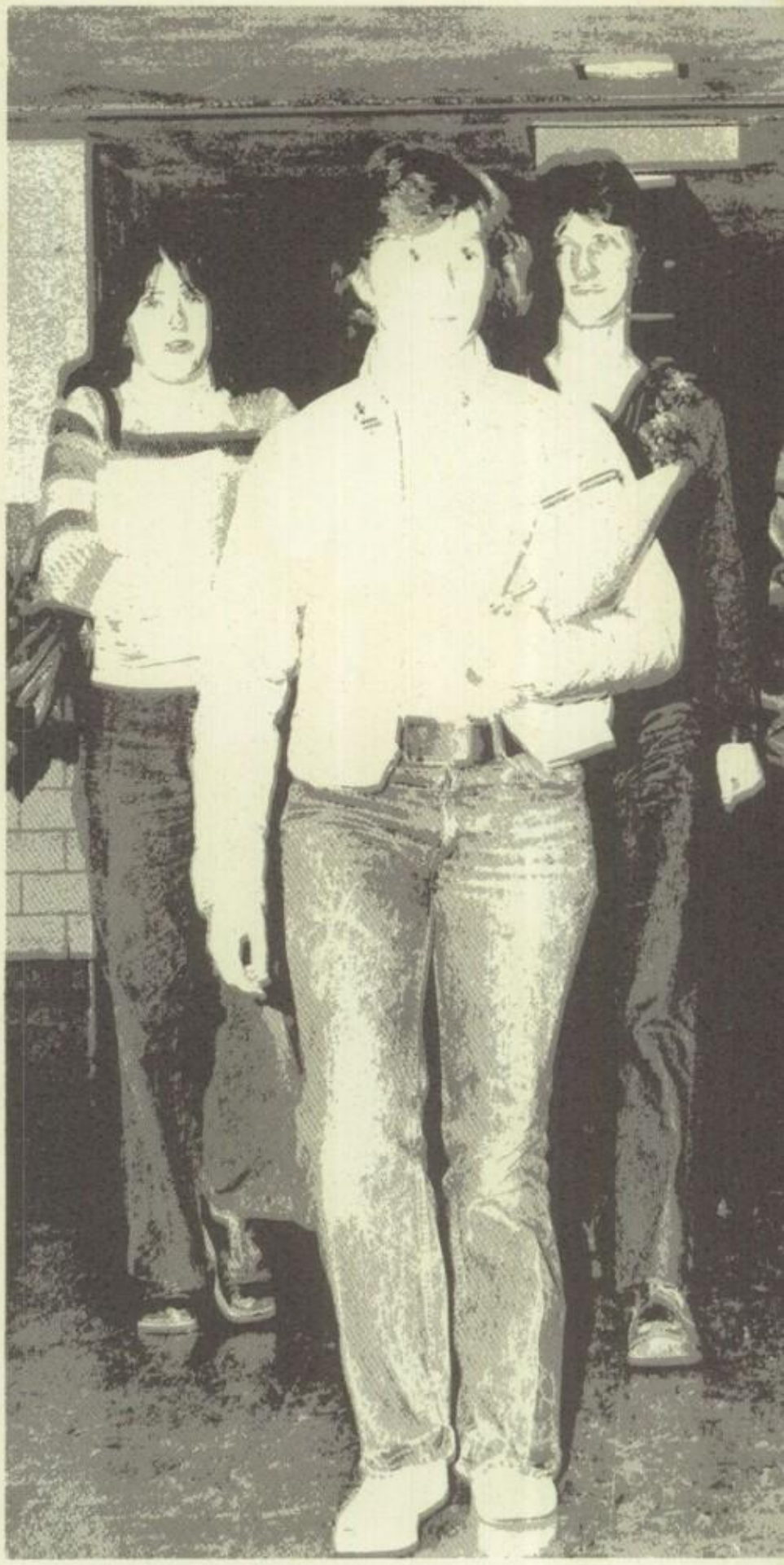
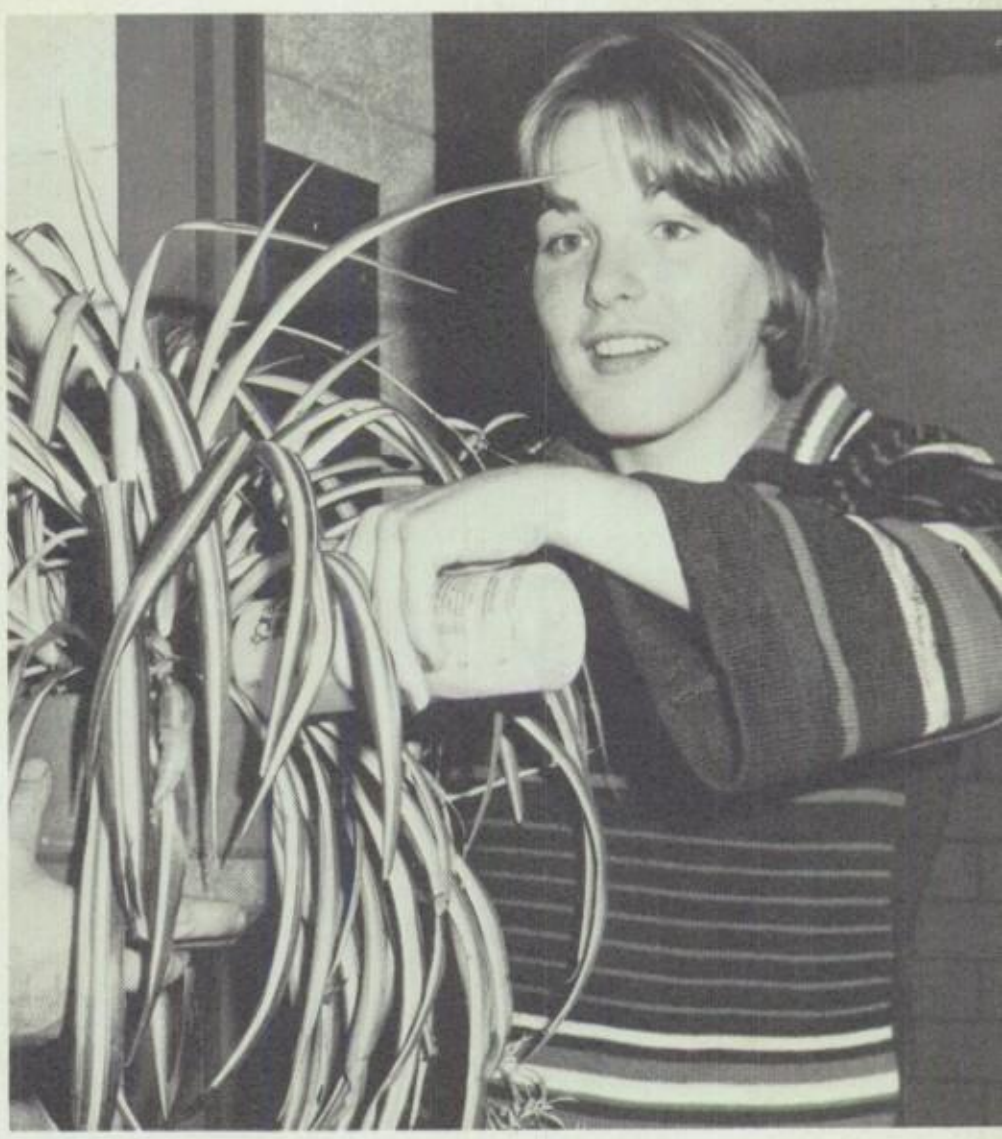
Learning to live with
Each other.



Arranging a collection of Creative Stitchery projects in an artistic manner, Maria Tavares designs a pleasing showcase of crafts.

Caught in a swarm of people rushing from class to class, Cammy Morse blends into the confusion of a crowded hall.

Quenching the thirst of a parched plant, Diane Wester obliges her variegated spider with a nutritious gulp of water.



Surrounded by the wonder of Life's
Timeless vision, we watch as the days pass,
Each leading to the next in silent succession.
Cherishing precious memories, we step
Further into our lives. Like empty hallways,
The fading echoes of past experiences
Guide us toward untraveled paths
As we try to understand ourselves.
Watching as the changes unfold, we welcome
New challenges and attempt to perfect
The goals of today and to protect the ideals
Of the future. Although we struggle
To discover solutions to today's unanswered
Questions, we move forward and reach out
To tomorrow . . . an invitation from now.

Laura,

To a really sweet girl that I'm glad I met and got to know this year. It was really a lot of fun in French class. I Hope to see you over the summer and ~~[illegible]~~ Hopefully next year in French.

Luv,

Paul Maertens

Laura,

To someone who is a really sweet person. I've known for a long time. Your a wonderful person, and a great sister. This thing here is from your older but younger sister Sheila

Laura,

Brothers and sisters are alot closer but friends are of the heart.

Love Best Wishes

Christopher Headrick

Laura, this year I'm glad I met you and I'm really glad you're in my class. You're someone after school I can come to and talk to. Have a great Summer.

Love,

Laura

Laura,

It's been quite an experience knowing you since kindergarten and it seems to be getting better all the time. Don't forget all the fun in Madame's class.

Dan

Laura

Who is a really pretty sweet kind of person. Someone I'm glad I met and will always remember. Have a great summer and all roll in to one!

Love ya,

Dan

Laura,

But I had a great time in German II & will certainly hope so. See you in German II!

Well. Love & kisses

Lori

Be passing at a theatre near you

Suzanne - Aufgabe I - Guten tag -
now can you read it in two languages
if you did you remain a calm,
cool & collected in the Tierpark
of 5th Haur - must be good french
Background! Une bonne etudiante
gute Schulerin - Bon Chance und
Viel Gluck! Jeune
Schweren
Oma

Laura
To a very nice girl
I hope you have a very
nice summer
Don '81

Laura
To a nice friend
I really don't know that
much See you next year
Good Luck
Karen '81

Laura, - I'm glad you're
(Laura) Cort. one of my
Hope you're friends
Class mate
summer
R
M
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